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**Hongkong's Products**

STATISTICS prove that this year's Hongkong Products Exhibition is the biggest yet; visibly the display is as attractive as ever; and there is every reason for believing that the exhibits are better than ever, both in variety and quality. The Colony's manufacturing industries deserve all possible encouragement, rating as they do second only in importance to the Colony's entrepot trade. Thus it is proper they should receive whatever assistance Government is able to extend to them. Yet in the final analysis the success of our industries must depend on the manufacturers themselves. It is heartening to note that the Chinese Manufacturers' Union are aware of this, and it will be observed with general satisfaction that the Union is determined to establish and maintain approved standards for locally manufactured commodities. Recognition of the fact that production in quantity at low cost is insufficient to capture overseas markets unless strict attention is paid to quality means that Hongkong products will, in future, enhance their prospects of expanding overseas trade. The marketing of articles which fall below declared specifications is injurious to the Colony generally and to local manufacturers in particular. The point cannot be overemphasized, and His Excellency the Governor made a becoming reference to the subject when he opened the products exhibition yesterday. No matter how much initiative and enterprise is shown in displaying Hongkong commodities in overseas trade fairs, it can all be nullified if the goods which are finally marketed fail to attain promised standards.

THE programme which the Chinese Manufacturers' Union has planned for showing off our products in other parts of the world is highly commendable, and past experience at the British Industries Fair and other exhibitions lend confidence to the expectation that these efforts will be well rewarded. Nor will there be any dispute over the proposal that Hongkong manufacturers should have at their disposal a permanent exhibition hall in which to display to visitors the ever-growing variety of local products. But the tentative suggestion thrown out yesterday that a part of the new municipal buildings should be set aside for this purpose is not likely to meet with enthusiastic public approval. The obvious danger is that with all our manufacturers anxious to show their wares, any part of the City Hall allocated for permanent exhibition of Hongkong commodities would probably bear the inelegant resemblance of a five and ten cent store. It is impossible to forbear from making the same comparison at Hongkong's annual BIF display. It is appropriate that the Chinese Manufacturers' Union should be encouraged in the project of establishing a permanent exhibition hall, but we cannot subscribe to the view that the new City Hall offers itself as the ideal site.

**Police Fire On Violent Mob**

New Delhi, Dec. 15. Police opened fire on a "violent mob" of nearly 800 strong, which attacked police buildings in Chhamb, 50 miles from Jammu, near the Pakistan border yesterday, the Kashmir Government Information Bureau said in a press note today.

According to the press note, the demonstrators who were armed with staves, spears and axes, tried to hoist on buildings the flag of Jammu Parishad, a Rightwing Hindu organisation, which is carrying out a campaign against the Sheikh Abdullah Government for Kashmir's complete accession to India.

A section of the crowd which refused to disperse, manhandled a police officer, beat another and wounded a policeman, the press note added.—Reuters

**US Willing To Resume Truce Talks On One Condition**

**"DEEP REGRET" OVER CHINA'S DECISION**

New York, Dec. 15.

The United States told the Chinese Communists tonight that it will resume the Panmunjom truce talks whenever Peking accepts the United Nations "humanitarian principles" on non-forcible repatriation of war prisoners.

The United States expressed "deep regret" at the Chinese rejection of the UN Indian-designed Korean truce offer. The rejection was officially received here today.

The U.S. charged that Peking had "flouted the solemnly expressed views of the General Assembly."

The North Koreans to whom the UN peace offer was also addressed have not yet replied, but there is little doubt here that the answer from Pyongyang also would be "no."

The State Department's comment on Peking's rejection was followed quickly by a French statement calling the Chinese Communist stand "destructive of hope."

In response to the 11-page propaganda—loaded rejection from Peking's Foreign Minister Chou En-lai, the United States said, "Thus the Communists have again rejected peace in Korea."

It added, "The United States government reaffirms its determination to continue to fulfil its responsibility in Korea. The UN Command remains ready to meet again with Communist negotiators at Panmunjom whenever they accept the proposals contained in a UN resolution, or any of the other numerous proposals which have been made to them by the UN Command, or whenever they advance constructive proposals of their own which could lead to an honourable armistice."

**NO COMPROMISE**  
"However, there can be no compromise with the basic humanitarian principles contained in the resolution of the General Assembly."

"Until the Communists accept these basic UN principles, the United States government cannot see what useful purpose will be served by having the United States propose to the Communists still other plans for implementing these proposals."

The responsibility for whether there shall be peace in Korea clearly lies with the Chinese Communists, and the North Korean authorities and their supporters.

"If (the Red rejection) calls on the UN to accept peace at any price, in this case being the abandonment of all elementary human considerations towards those among the prisoners who think they know what their fate will be if they are forcibly repatriated. In fact, it calls on the UN to accept humanitarian bankruptcy."—United Press.

peoples throughout the world and Asian nations in particular, as a demonstration of Russia's wish for peace.—United Press.

**UN DISCUSSIONS**  
United Nations, Dec. 15. Red China's rejection of India's Korean truce plan was received here today and UN delegates immediately began discussion of what the next step should be.

The US delegation went into consultation with government officials in Washington and the British got in touch with London. Spokesmen said the two governments had not so far begun joint talks.

Rejection by China meant that those key Western Allies had to decide what further diplomatic action to take in an effort to end the Korean war and also decide, on a governmental level, if alternate forms of military action might bring a solution.

It was generally expected here that President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, just home from his tour, would be brought into the discussions one way or another. Many diplomats expressed the hope he would report to the U.N. on some of his Korean findings.

Before General Assembly President Lester B. Pearson dispatched the Indian plan to Peking, the US delegation had said the next step would probably be up to the Eisenhower administration since it would have to carry out any decisions reached.

—Associated Press.

**Rescue Attempt In Darkness**

Leghorn, Dec. 15.

Rescuers battled wind, wave and darkness tonight in an attempt to rescue the crewmen from the battered stern of a United States Navy supply ship driven on the rocks and split in two with its load of Christmas turkeys for G.I.s in Europe.

Searchlights of the Italian Navy Academy, whose grounds are opposite the rocks on which the ship was wrecked, shined a howling wind and gale were turned on the rescue scene.

The 2,460-ton refrigerated supply ship was in Leghorn harbor early today when its anchor started dragging in the howling gale. It was driven on to the "Queen of Leghorn" reefs and snapped in two. Forty crewmen took shelter in the stern.

United States Navy, United States Army and Italian naval men formed the rescue team. They rigged a breeches buoy line from flagpoles of the Naval Academy to the ship.

—United Press.

**COLLECTED IN A BIG WAY**

London, Dec. 15.

An estimated £16,000 from Southeast London public telephone coin boxes went into the pockets of seven post office collectors, it was disclosed today.

One of them, admitted stealing about £1 per day since he was hired in 1943.

Self-sealing, thief-proof coin boxes are now being installed.—Reuters



Franco Pozzi and Miranda de Lago, a young newly-married couple from Milan, Italy, are determined to go through life together chained by the wrist with a long golden chain. They are seen here on a shopping expedition in Capri.—London Express.

**Loyalty Oath Declared Invalid**

Washington, Dec. 15.

The Supreme Court today struck down Oklahoma's loyalty oath law on the ground that it penalizes persons who might have joined subversive organizations innocently.

The law requires state officers and employees to swear they are not affiliated with the Communist Party or any other organization that advocates violent overthrow of government. It also requires a promise to take up arms in defence of the United States.

Justice Clark, who wrote the court's main opinion, said: "Indiscriminate classification of innocent with knowing activity must fall as an assertion of arbitrary power. The oath offends due process."

Justices Black and Frankfurter wrote separate concurring opinions. Justice Jackson took no part in the case, making the vote 8-0.

Validity of the law was questioned by seven former teachers of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

They declined to take the oath and were fired on May 21, 1951. Each had a contract of employment extending until June 30, 1951. It was stipulated in Oklahoma courts that none of the teachers was connected with a subversive organization.

—Associated Press.

**STOP PRESS**

**Muldoon Loses Claim**

Mr. Justice Scholes gave judgment this morning for the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., in the case in which John Patrick Muldoon claimed damages from the company for wrongful dismissal.

The judge held that Muldoon did tender his resignation on August 29 and that his resignation was accepted.

The Dock Company was awarded costs.

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**\$90 Million Order For Britain**

London, Dec. 15. The United States ordered \$90,000,000 worth of Centurion tanks, spare parts and ammunition from Britain today for use by nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

A contract clinching the deal was signed in London by the Supply Minister, Mr. Duncan Sandys. The deal was floated under the United States mutual security programme.

The tanks eventually will go to the Netherlands and Denmark for use in the Atlantic Treaty defence effort.

The Centurion Mark III is a 50-ton heavy now being used in Korea by British troops.

In a statement on the deal in London, Brigadier-General D. F. Callaghan of the US Military Assistance Advisory Group in the United Kingdom, described it as "the biggest single American off-shore procurement order we have placed to date."

**APPROPRIATION**  
The US Army Ordnance Corps placed the tank order. An estimated 107 British firms and Royal Ordnance plants will do the manufacturing job.

The US Congress has appropriated \$3,128,224,750 for military aid for Europe during the period ending June 30, 1953. The \$90,000,000 order for Britain comes out of the "off-shore procurement" portion of that sum.

According to General Callaghan, "this example of American aid financing the construction of British equipment for other NATO countries is a perfect symbol of the truly united effort we are making for the defence of the free world."

Because of economic stresses and strains, Britain has had to slow down her own vast rearmament spending. Early this month, Prime Minister Winston Churchill flatly warned the House of Commons Britain must cut back her defence effort to prevent entanglement of the nation's economy in another inflationary spiral.

He did not say how much the programme would be pared down but he made it clear the overall purpose was protection of the nation's financial solvency.

In an effort to bolster her hard-pressed economy, Britain has also decided to earn hard currencies abroad by the export of armaments which in many cases she could well use profitably herself.

The new Centurion order thus not only makes available to NATO nations a large number of these formidable war machines but also gives Britain's export business a needed shot in the arm.—Associated Press.

**Expecting Best Post-War Christmas**

London, Dec. 16.

Britons, despite continued restriction of imports in an effort to redress the trade balance and save foreign exchange, are looking forward to their best post-war Christmas.

Supplies of the traditional Christmas fare are plentiful and, if anything, slightly cheaper than last year. Home-grown turkeys are expected to sell for 6d. per lb. less than last year, while the cut in the price of imported birds may be as much as 8d. per lb.

Christmas puddings, the other "must" for the Christmas dinner, are on sale everywhere—as also are the elaborately-iced Christmas cakes which form the traditional centre piece of the Christmas tea or party table.

Although by the standards of her nearest neighbours on the Continent, Britain is still living under the rule of austerity, there is a general feeling of greater ease this year than last. Greater Christmas cheer is all set to make the Christmas and New Year holidays a fitting prelude to the year which will accompany the Queen's Coronation next summer.—Reuters.

**Triplets And Twins**

Dingwall, Scotland Dec. 15. Mrs. Margaret Davidson, 27-year-old wife of a private in the Cameron Highlanders, has had girl triplets in Dingwall Maternity Home.

Private Davidson who is already father of two sets of twins and two other children, claimed: "Don't believe you. You are joking" when told the latest news.—Reuters.

Walsall, Dec. 15. Mrs. Albert Bourne of Walsall had five children in less than a year. She had triplets last year and now twins—a girl and boy.

Her four other children, aged between eight and two years, live in Council house.—Reuters.

**JAPAN AND THE UN**

**US Resolution On Membership**

New York, Dec. 15. The United States urged the United Nations today to determine that Japan is eligible for UN membership.

The United States introduced the surprise resolution in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee requesting the Security Council to take note of this determination by the General Assembly with respect to the application of Japan.

Although the American resolution did not specify what action it wanted on the Russian-vetoed Japanese application, it appeared that the United States wanted the Council to take another try at it.

The resolution said in part: "The General Assembly, determining that Japan is, in its judgment, a peace-loving state within the merits of Article Four of the Charter and is able and willing to carry out the obligations of the Charter and should therefore be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

**THE PREAMBLE**  
The preamble of the resolution said: "The General Assembly, noting that 10 members of the Security Council on 19th September, 1952, supported a draft resolution recommending the admission to the United Nations of Japan but that no recommendation was made to the General Assembly because of the opposition of one permanent member, is deeming it important to the development of the United Nations, that all applicant states which possess the qualifications for membership set forth in Article Four of the Charter should be admitted."

The United States sponsored the Security Council resolution on Japan's membership which was vetoed by Jacob Malik of Russia.

American sources said that no immediate action was expected to follow the adoption of the resolution by the Assembly, which was regarded as a corollary to the Washington felt that it was essential for the United Nations to go on record backing Japan's application. The resolution was introduced as the Committee continued its debate on membership.—United Press.

**Mother & Baby Survive Crash**

Banbury, Dec. 15. A mother and her 12-month-old baby were thrown clear when the car in which she was travelling skidded and crashed through the parapet of a bridge at Adderbury, near here, and plunged twenty feet into the river below.

The woman's husband, Mr. Patrick Joseph McGovern, 33, of Deddington, Oxfordshire, who was driving the car, was trapped in the overturned vehicle and drowned.

Mrs. McGovern and her baby were taken to Banbury hospital.—Reuters.

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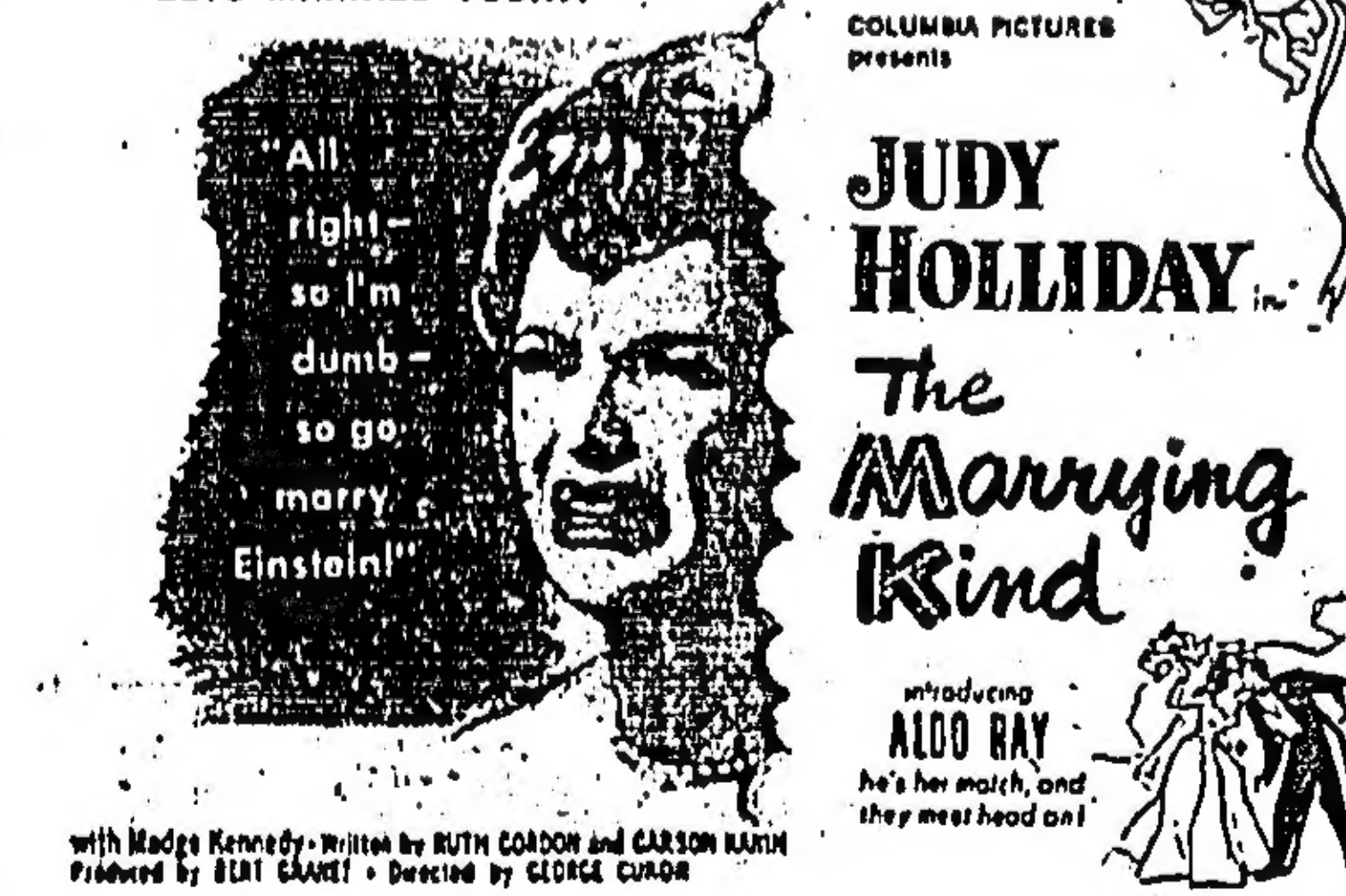
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## Just A Bit Too Much

New York, Dec. 15. Members of Mr. Eisenhower's staff were asked today to "examine" their consciences — and their effects — about 52 missing portable radios.

The sets were among 80 radios lent by Radio Corporation of America for staff use on Mr. Eisenhower's special election campaign train.

A staff memorandum today said R.O.A. was taking a risk and expected "certain attrition," but an 89 per cent loss was "perhaps a trifle high." — Reuter.

## General's Reply To Red Cross

### Alleged Violation Of Convention

Geneva, Dec. 15. The International Committee of the Red Cross today disclosed that it charged the United Nations command in Korea last May with violating the Geneva conventions on treatment of prisoners.

Violations included shooting to death of prisoners by American and South Korean guards in April in Compound 93 at Camp No. 1, killing one hospital patient and wounding several others with a concussion grenade at Enclave No. 10, and withholding food and water from patients in three hospital compounds.

A reply to the three charges was made in a letter, dated June 12, by General Mark Clark, Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations forces, who wrote: "We had reached a point at which open defiance could no longer be tolerated if we were to discharge our responsibilities to the prisoners."

The allegations and replies were released by the committee in a collection of correspondence from January 1 to June 30 concerning the ICRC and the "Korean conflict."

### HAD TO BE DONE

General Clark added that fanatic Communist leaders "refused to permit peaceable entry of our medical personnel to patients in Enclave 10."

He pointed out that the ICRC agreed that untested control had to be established but could offer no satisfactory method by which this could be established.

"Strong continued resistance displayed by these prisoners and the necessity of treating sick and wounded patients indicated that immediate and untested control would have to be gained," he wrote.

He added: "A concussion grenade is a shock weapon of the non-fragmentation type and is not considered a combat missile." — United Press.

## Farouk's Cars Await Buyers

Cairo, Dec. 15. There were no takers for ex-King Farouk's private fleet of cars today when they were put up for public auction at the Abdin Palace garage.

The apparent lack of public interest in 30 vehicles, which ranged from old models to sleek de luxe limousines, will probably bring severe slashes in the prices asked.

The main car in the lot is a 1939 black Packard limousine fitted with a double bed, and quoted at US\$3,500. — United Press.

## Bernhard May Go To Coronation

Soerabaja, Dec. 15. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands—Consort of Queen Juliana—will very probably attend Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in London next June 2, a Court spokesman said today.

It was unlikely that Queen Juliana would go, he said. According to protocol she should not attend. — Reuter.

# AMERICAN JUDGE RULES IN FAVOUR OF BRITISH OIL COMPANY

Washington, Dec. 15.

Federal Judge James R. Kirkland ruled today that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has "sovereign immunity" in the United States Government's investigation of international world-wide oil trade agreements.

The British Government, the judge said, took control of the voting stock of the company to assure adequate supplies of oil for British naval and air forces.

"The consequences of successful prosecution of Anglo-Iranian here would in reality be to charge and find the British Government guilty of violating a law of the United States which imposes criminal penalties," he declared.

A claim of sovereign immunity was advanced by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in a letter dated November 25 which was forwarded through the State Department.

Mr. Eden, in the letter, endorsed an order by Mr. Godfrey Lloyd, British Minister of Fuel and Power, to the oil company not to produce documents for use in the investigation which were not in the United States.

Judge Kirkland announced at the same time that the Dutch Government has advised the State Department it would not allow any documents to be removed from the Netherlands for use in the investigation.

The Dutch statement was read from a letter forwarded with two other documents to the court by the Under-Secretary of State, David Bruce.

### FINAL ORDER

Judge Kirkland said these would be placed in his "A" file of sensitive and secret documents in the case.

Judge Kirkland's action came four months after a Grand Jury probe was authorised into evidence of a vast international oil cartel.

It was brought out last week that President Harry Truman personally had directed the investigation. Thus far, legal documents have held up any presentation.

Judge Kirkland concluded the 10-page ruling on the British company's immunity claim by saying: "Accordingly sovereign immunity is extended to Anglo-Iranian and a subpoena served upon this company is quashed."

The judge said he intended this to be a "final order" in the dispute over the status of the British concern.

However, Leonard Emmeglick, special assistant to the U.S. Attorney-General, James McGranery, asked for a re-hearing based on what he described as new evidence. Mr. Emmeglick said there were cases where the British Government had made the same claim of immunity for British subsidiaries of American companies.

Judge Kirkland noted that British last year told the International Court of Justice at The Hague that the 1933 agreement between the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and Iran was in effect a treaty of convention between two sovereign States, and said: "This court is of the impression that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is indistinguishable from the Government of Great Britain." — Associated Press.

### ROSE MARY CASE

Aden, Dec. 15. Captain Giuseppe Yafate, former master of the Rose Mary whose oil cargo is in dispute before a court here, said in cross-examination that he made for his British-controlled port purely on the orders of the owners' representative.

The plaintiff in the suit is the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company which claims the oil cargo is its property because it came from the Persian fields, though after nationalisation.

Mr. J. Megaw, for the company, asked Captain Yafate: "The only reason why you came into Aden is that Signor Mario Martinelli (Rose Mary's owners' representative here) told you so?"

Captain Yafate, whose evidence in Italian was translated by a monk in a white cassock, replied: "Yes."

He added that Signor Martinelli told him that the charter contract for the ship had

been broken because part of the charter money had not been paid.

### "CONFUSED"

Mr. Megaw persisted with: "You did not come into Aden because of the Royal Air Force planes which spotted you on June 18 and 17?"

Yafate answered: "The planes and threatening and menacing radio messages received made me confused and in any case, I had to consider the crew."

Signor Martinelli, representative of the Compania de Navigacion Teresita, which chartered the ship to the Bubenbergs company of Switzerland, gave evidence next.

He said he did not use force or coercion on anyone aboard the Rose Mary which he boarded outside Aden last June. He asked Captain Yafate to make for the port which he did.

Signor Martinelli said the charterers had been behind with their fees at the beginning of June. When they offered to pay the money, the owners requested their bankers not to accept the remittance.

### LIED TO OWNERS

Captain Yafate, a defendant in the case along with the owners and charterers of the ship, said in his earlier cross-examination that he lied to the owners when he told them he planned to make for Aden as they wished.

Earlier evidence had shown that the owners wanted the ship to make for Aden, while the Bubenbergs Company wanted her to keep out of territorial waters and make for Suez, then for Italy.

The captain said he did not want to deceive the owners—he wanted to respect the charter contract.

"I did not deceive the owners," he added. "The owners deceived me."

Mr. Megaw asked whether there had been a conspiracy involving the Italian Count Della Zonca who acted as the Bubenbergs agent, to keep from the owning company that the Rose Mary's voyage had intended to pick up Persian oil.

Mr. Yafate answered: "I do not know."

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's leading counsel, Sir Hartley Shawcross, was back in court today. A slight indisposition had kept him away at Saturday's hearing. — Reuter.

## Yemen Premier To Visit UK

London, Dec. 15. The Prime Minister of Yemen, Sali Al Islam Hassan, is expected in London before the end of this week for talks with the British Government.

He is at present in Cairo and will fly to London by way of Rome with the Yemeni Minister of Britain, Syed Bin al Ibrahim.

Syed Ibrahim joined him in Cairo about 10 days ago.

While in London, the Prime Minister is expected to have talks on the question of frontier delimitation with the British protectorate of Aden.

A representative of the Yemeni Legation called at the Foreign Office this morning for preliminary talks.

The Yemeni Prime Minister is a younger brother of King Ahmed, Imam of Yemen, who succeeded to the throne in 1948. — Reuter.

### RITA'S DUTY

New York, Dec. 15. Actress Rita Hayworth says she intends to withhold any divorce action against Prince Aly Khan until a financial settlement is reached for her daughter, Yasmin, aged two.

"It's my duty as a parent," she told newsmen when she arrived here from Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth. — Associated Press.

## Meeting Of Foreign Ministers

Paris, Dec. 15. The five Foreign Ministers of the Brussels Treaty Powers—France, Britain, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg—met here tonight to discuss the prospects of bringing the European Army into being.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, was host to the other four at a dinner at the British Embassy, following a reception given to the Atlantic Council Ministers by the French President, M. Vincent Auriol.

Main topic of their talks, it is understood, was the prospect of ratification of the European Army Treaty by the six member nations.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, was expected to stress the difficulties that would confront the French Government in seeking the National Assembly's approval unless Britain associated herself more closely with the project.

The French hope, informed French quarters said, that Britain will agree to maintain personal representation in all the highest organs of the community.

Earlier today Mr. Eden had talks with Mr. Jean Acheson on current international problems, including Persian oil and, it is understood, the European Army Treaty. — Reuter.

## King Hussein Recovering

London, Dec. 15. King Hussein of Jordan continues to make very satisfactory progress after his operation two days ago for sinus trouble, an Embassy spokesman said today.

The 37-year-old King is expected to spend about a week in bed, and will then fly to Switzerland, where his younger brother, Prince Mohammed, is at school.

Queen Zala, his mother, will leave England for Lausanne, Switzerland, on Thursday.

Queen Zala, who is on a short visit to Britain, landed today with the Countess of Limerick, Chairman of the British Red Cross Society. She will this evening watch the ballet Sylvia at the Royal Opera House. — Reuter.

## Strikers Gain Objectives

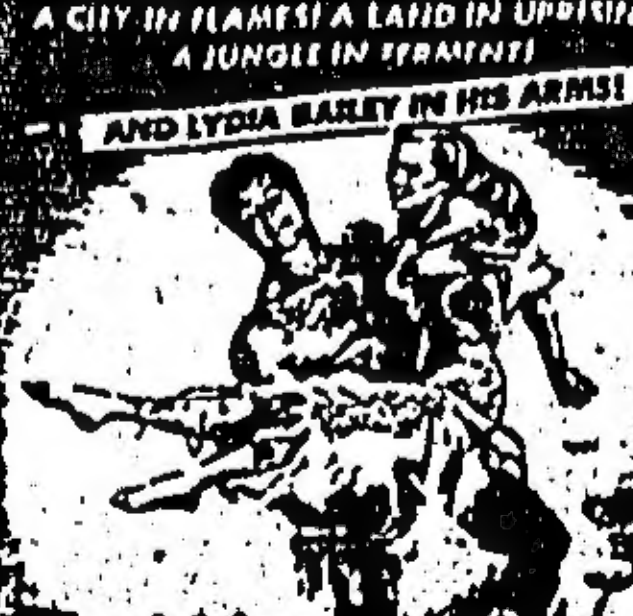
Frankfurt, Dec. 15. The strike of West German printers, which began on December 6, has now officially ended. Employers and the union agreed today to award a wage increase of about eight pfennigs per hour.

The increase is a 4.7 per cent rise in the wage rate.

Many papers continued to appear during the strike, some in full and others in skeleton form. Some firms had concluded their own agreements with their employees, while others had their papers printed abroad. — Reuter.

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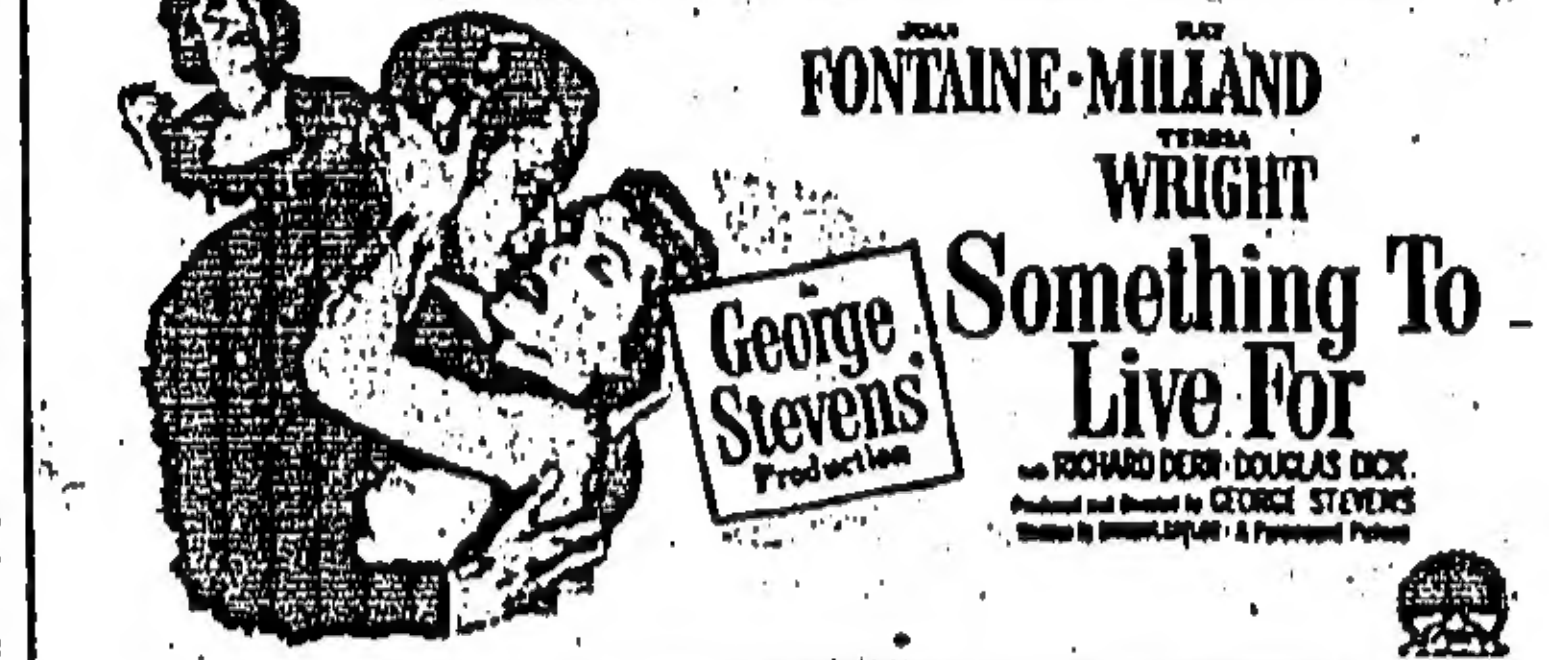
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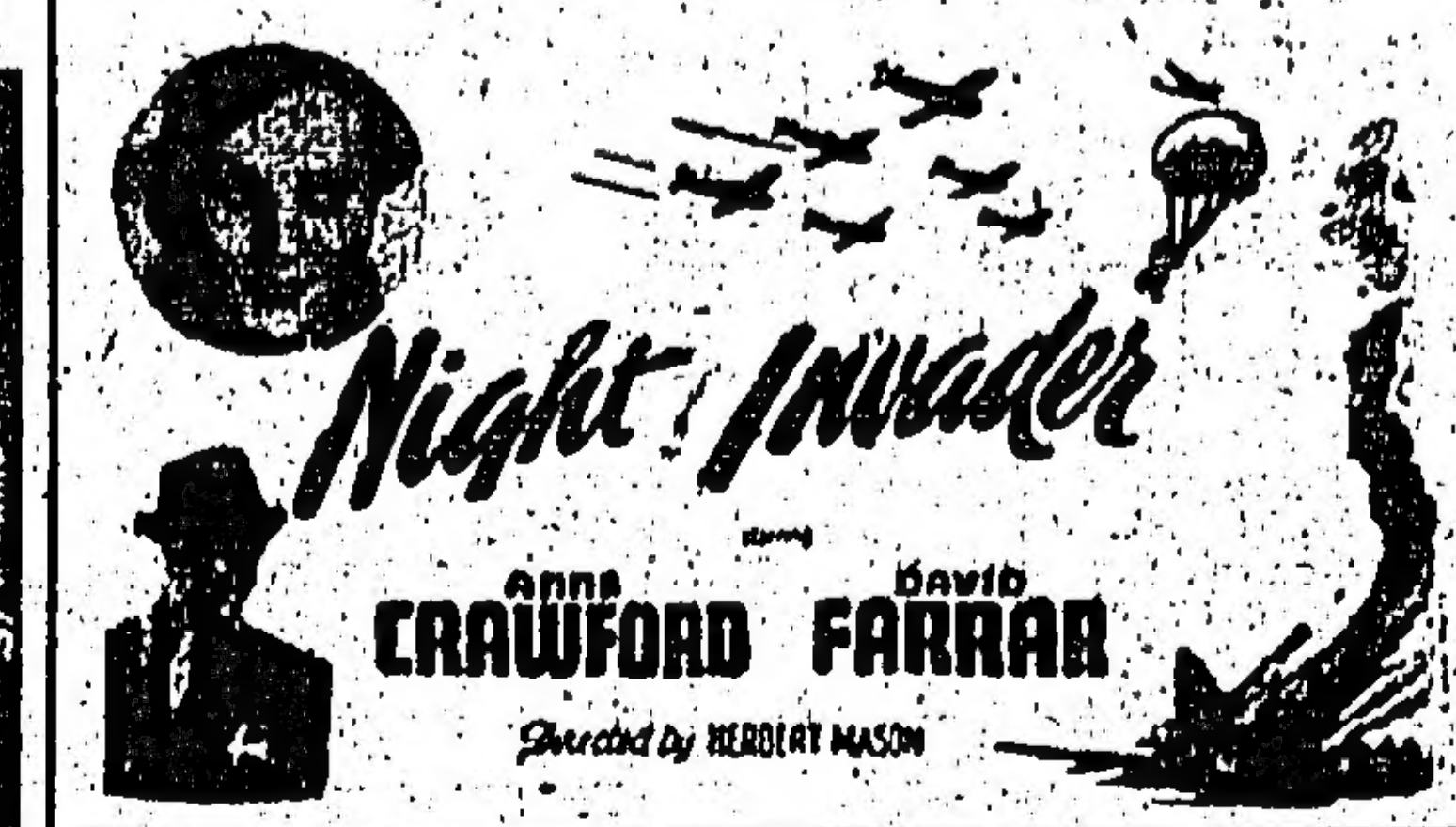
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## British Stand On Morocco Issue In U.N. SUPPORT FOR FRANCE

New York, Dec. 15. The British Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, told the General Assembly's Political Committee today that the United Nations debate on the French Moroccan dispute may only make the situation worse.

Mr Lloyd also declared the Moroccan problem was exclusively the concern of France and was outside United Nations jurisdiction.

"The United Nations is not competent to make recommendations on Morocco. It is discussing it the United Nations in embarking on a dangerous course which might impede progress toward self-government," Mr Lloyd said.

Britain could not support any resolution on this subject.

He took the same attitude earlier on the French-Tunisian dispute and abstained when the Political Committee adopted a mildly-worded proposal urging France and Tunisia to resume

direct talks on the Tunisian demands for more self-government.

France continued to boycott the Committee's discussions on the ground that the Tunisian and Moroccan issues were exclusively domestic matters.

The Indonesian delegate, L. N. Palar, led off today's debate with a long attack on French administration of Morocco.

He said: "The present crisis in Morocco has been brought about by the blatant disregard of the French for the rights and interests of the Moroccan people for the past 40 years."

"... after 40 years of the French protectorate, Moroccans are more and more victims of poor housing, malnutrition, disease, illiteracy and other attendant evils commonly associated with colonialism," he added.—Associated Press.

### FRENCH CHARGE

## ARRESTED MEN FREED

Baghdad, Dec. 15. General Abdul Muhsin, Military Governor of Baghdad Province, today released 10 politicians detained during the disturbances three weeks ago.

The released politicians include:

Hussain Jamil, Deputy Leader of the National Democratic Party and former Minister of Justice.

Abdul Razak al Dahir, former Minister of Economics, and Ismail Ghanim, Deputy Leader of the Istiqlal (Nationalist) Party.

Others are expected to be released soon.

The evening paper, Al Nahdah, said tonight that the Premier, General Nureddin Mahmud, is expected to appoint three Cabinet Ministers to fill vacant posts in the Economics, Interior and Works Ministries.

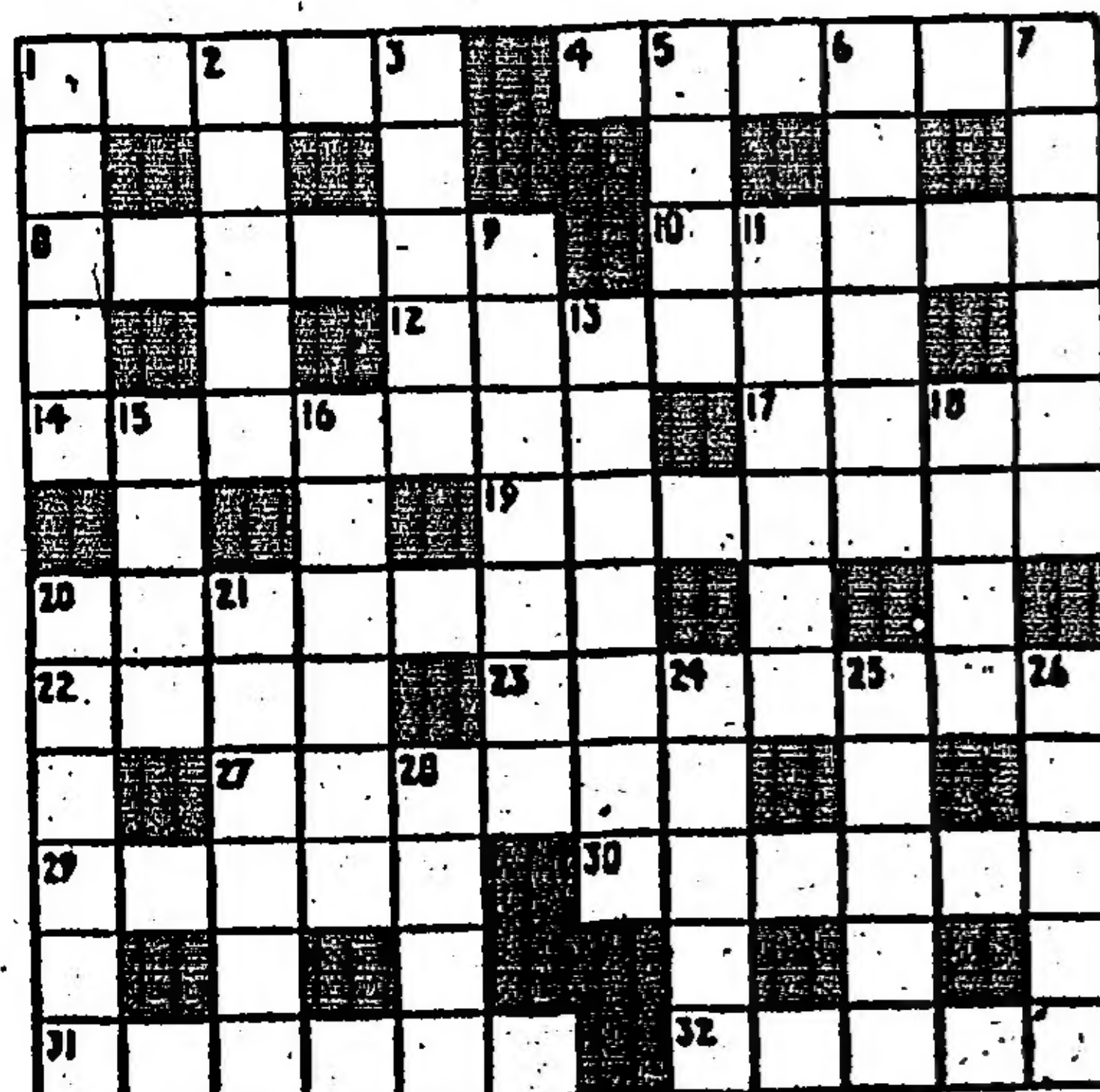
Official quarters declined to confirm or deny the report.—Reuter.

## STOWAWAYS TO BE RETURNED

Oslo, Dec. 15. Three young men stowaways, who arrived in Norway on November 4 in the Norwegian ship "Fernplant" from Israel and claimed political asylum as refugees from Rumania, are to be sent back to Israel.

The Norwegian Justice Ministry said that, after consultation with the Israeli police, it had learned the three are Israeli citizens of whom one is wanted for assault.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Years for (5).
2. Light meals (6).
3. Lenses (6).
4. Stadium (5).
5. Repeated (6).
6. Table support (7).
7. Military assistant (4).
8. Ejected (7).
9. Yield (7).
10. Tear (4).
11. Holds property in trust (7).
12. Feels (6).
13. View (5).
14. Constraint (6).
15. Refrain from (6).
16. Feudal lord (6).

### DOWN

1. Cunning (5).
2. Conscious of (5).
3. Bring to bear (5).
4. Clever (4).
5. Believe (6).
6. Frightened (6).
7. Picks (7).
8. Responds to stimulus (6).
9. Cut apart (7).
10. Uncommon (4).
11. Unexpected (6).
12. Valley (4).
13. Forced open (6).
14. Attacks (6).
15. Customary (5).
16. Subject (5).
17. Follow (5).
18. Tidings (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3. Asperities, 8. Tool, 9. Received, 11. Prelates, 13. Anon, 15. Provides, 18. Direct, 19. Elan, 21. Deserved, 23. Released, 26. Pilot, 27. Retracts, 29. Down: 1. Trap, 2. Fads, 4. Subt, 5. Eyes, 6. Sevens, 7. Sedan, 9. Rabid, 10. Sewer, 12. Rural, 14. Ozone, 16. Dives, 17. Sewed, 19. Error, 20. Afloat, 21. Data, 22. Beet, 25. Vain, 26. Deep.

## Relics Are Reinstalled



A great gathering of Buddhists at Sanchi, near Bhopal, saw the reinstallation of the sacred relics of Sariputta and Moggallana, the Buddha's chief disciples, in a newly-erected temple on the site where they were discovered by General Cunningham over 100 years ago. The relics were taken to England but restored to India in 1949 and have since been taken throughout the Buddhist world. The casket containing the relics was carried by Pandit Nehru, the Premier, to its final resting place.—Express Photo.

## Israel Accused Of Armistice Violation

Jerusalem, Dec. 15. The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission today censured Israel by a majority vote for "violating the armistice agreement." Azmi Nashashibi, senior Jordan delegate to the Commission, announced.

The motion came after allegations that Israeli soldiers attempted last Friday night to smuggle a quantity of arms and ammunition to the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital in the demilitarised zone, which is under United Nations supervision.

The Commission called upon Israel to take all necessary steps in future to prevent incidents.

The meeting was presided over by General Bennet Derider, Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation for Palestine. Four observers attended the meeting, which was held at Commission Headquarters at the Mandelbaum Gate, no-man's-land of the divided city.

The meeting lasted four and a half hours but was interrupted for three hours on the Israeli senior delegate's request to give the chairman time to visit an Israeli army depot to investigate an Israeli claim that an arms theft took place from the depot on the same night as the incident.

When the Commission passed the censure vote, the Israeli delegation withdrew from the meeting in protest after vainly trying to avoid voting.

Nashashibi said he demanded that the U.N. Security Council be informed of the incident because arms smuggling in big quantities involved a serious violation of the armistice agreement.—Associated Press.

### JORDAN CHALLENGED

London, Dec. 15. The Jordan Embassy today challenged a report attributed to General William Riley, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission in Jerusalem, that no mortar bombs existed in the Jewish sector of the demilitarised Mount Scopus area.

The Embassy stated that an Arab Legion patrol found "three packs" filled with two and three-inch mortar bombs, hand grenades and machine gun ammunition in the demilitarised zone on Saturday.

The Jordan Embassy's statement linked this with the unsolved mystery of the 50-gallon grey metal drum found last summer among supplies permitted to pass through the Arab lines to the demilitarised zone of Jerusalem.

The drum, which figures in the so-called "barrel incident," was returned to the Israeli zone. Arab quarters claimed that it contained prohibited military stores.

The Jordan statement said: "This incident fits with the

## PROTEST MADE TO BRITAIN

### Naguib Objects To Stand In UN

Cairo, Dec. 15. General Mohammed Naguib, the Prime Minister of Egypt, today protested to the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, against Britain's stand in the United Nations on the Palestine dispute.

According to a Foreign Office spokesman here, similar protests were to be lodged simultaneously with British envoys in other Arab League States.

General Naguib said later he had told Sir Ralph Stevenson of "our great regret at the United Nations Political Committee decision, which was inspired by Britain."

The Political Committee has recommended direct negotiations between the Arab States and Israel to resolve their differences without setting out any preconditions.

The Arab States had insisted that the talks must be on the basis of previous Assembly resolutions, which have called for the internationalisation of Jerusalem and the repatriation of Arab refugees.

General Naguib said he had told the British Ambassador that the Political Committee decision was "a harmful step which had a very bad effect on the Arab States."

### COMMITTEE TO MEET

"I asked the Ambassador how he could explain this move at a time when Britain is attempting to solve outstanding problems with the Arabs."

General Naguib added that Sir Ralph had promised to refer the matter to his Government.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes. The Acting Foreign Minister of Egypt, Fahmy Radwan, and the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Abdel Rahman Makky, were also present.

The Arab League Political Committee has been summoned to meet in Cairo in the next few days to discuss, among other things, the latest developments in Palestine.

General Naguib has also discussed the United Nations resolution with Colonel Adib Shihab, Deputy Minister of Syria, who is here for military, political and financial talks.—Reuter.

## Egyptian Envoy To Bonn

Cairo, Dec. 15. Colonel Anwar Sadat, the official Egyptian Government spokesman, confirmed at a Press conference tonight the appointment of Feri (Field Marshal) Aziz el Masri as Egypt's first Ambassador to West Germany.

He said the appointment of a successor to Dr Mahmoud Fawzi as Egypt's Ambassador in London was still pending.—Reuter.

## The Wrong Treatment, Right Effect

Perth, Dec. 15. Ten years ago while tramping with the Army, Gordon Scandrett, of Perth, Western Australia, was shot in the back of the head, but the bullet could not be extracted.

Yesterday, while having doctor's treatment for throat trouble, he coughed and out came the bullet.

## BRITON'S APPEAL ALLOWED

Canterbury, Dec. 15. The Appeals Committee today allowed the appeal of Louis David Murfin, 27-year-old Briton, against his conviction by a Ramsgate magistrate on the charge of obtaining £315.9d. credit by false pretences from the United States Government.

Murfin claimed he gave himself up to the American authorities because he believed he was wrongly listed as a deserter.

He was alleged to have obtained credit in respect of meals provided while he was in hospital at the United States air base at Winton.

In September, Murfin pleaded guilty at Ramsgate and was sent to the Appeals Committee for sentence.

His case was sent back for rehearing after it was submitted that the magistrate should not, in view of the statement he made to the police, have accepted his plea.

He was found guilty at the rehearing and again sent to the Appeals Committee for sentence.—Reuter.

## Heavy Toll Of Cancer

London, Dec. 15. Cancer accounted for 17 per cent of all deaths in England and Wales during 1950, a Government report said today.

The disease killed 85,270 people during the year, or one out of every 3,200 of the population, the Registrar-General's statistical review said.

The total number of people to die in England and Wales during 1950 was 510,301. This was a death rate of 11.8 per thousand of the population, compared with 11.7 in 1949.

The report said cancer's death toll showed little signs of stopping. It had doubled since 1940. The disease mainly attacked the lungs and chest, and men seemed more prone to it than women.—Reuter.

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## RED EDITOR ARRESTED

Tehran, Dec. 15. The Communist newspaper, Basouie Ayandeh, was suppressed again tonight and its editor arrested. He is to face trial "for inciting Persian Government officials in the paper's columns."

The paper has been prevented from publishing several times, though reappearing under a new name every time.

Another newspaper, Iran Ma, supporting Ayandeh, was also suppressed. Its editor was also arrested.—Reuter.





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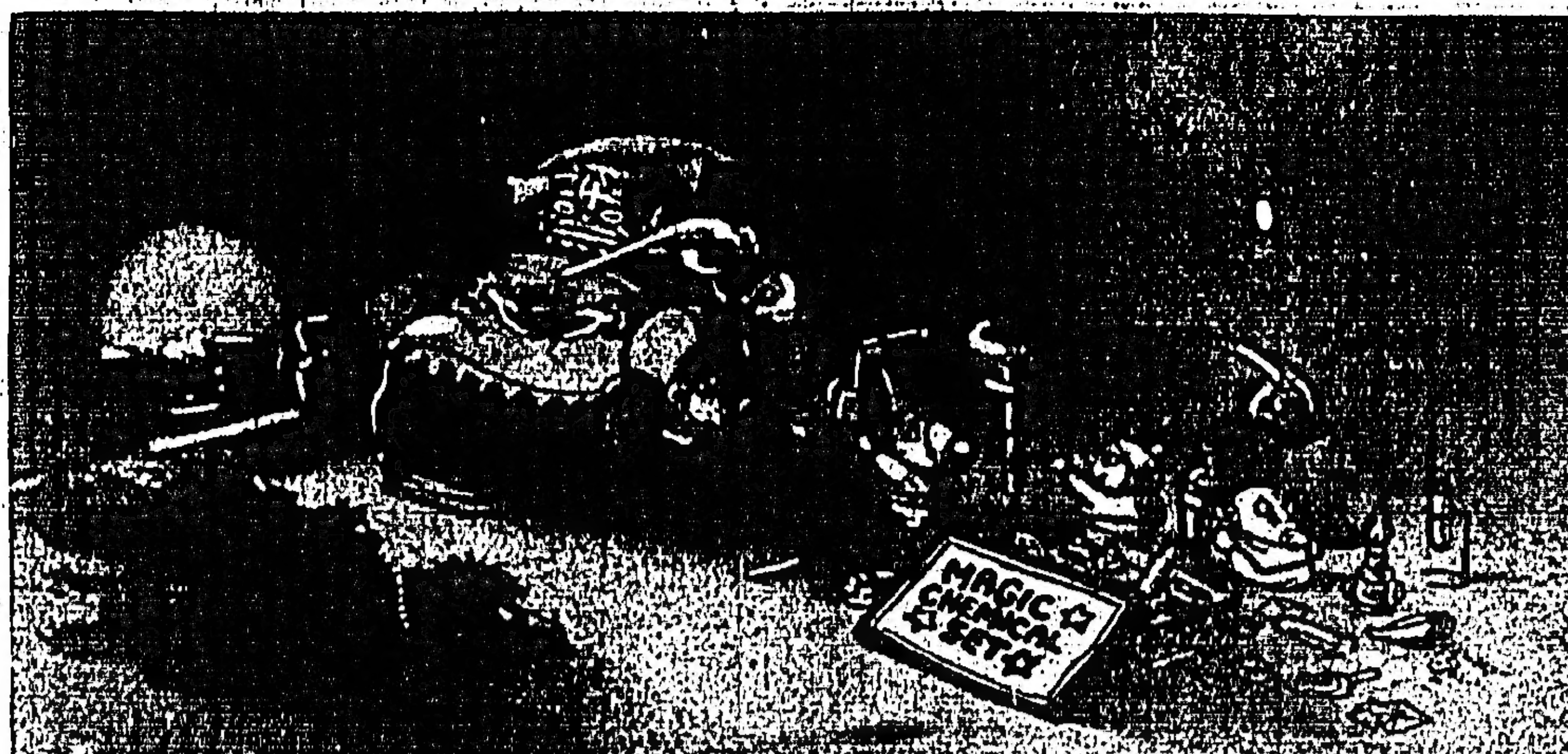
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## The secret of Mrs. Valentino the Second

by ANDREW HOPE

WHAT happens to a woman who marries one of the most famous men show business has ever seen, and creates the legend that has kept his name alive long after his death?

If the man is Rudolf Valentino, the answer is devastatingly simple. The Lady Vanishes.

Yes, she vanished—but now she has reappeared. And today some of her story can be told.

It was his second wife who really helped to spin the web of legend that has never departed from the silent-screen star who glamorized shells and enthralled half the world.

She was born simple Winifred Shaugnessy, in Salt Lake City. She took the name of Natacha Rambova when she became a ballet dancer. And she married Rudolf Valentino in January 1920. He died in August of that same year.

Natacha vanished for the first time, to reappear as Winifred Hudnut.

Why Hudnut? Her mother, marrying a second time, became the wife of Richard Hudnut, an American who made millions out of cosmetics.

Her daughter took her stepfather's name—for a time. Then in 1934—just eight years after Valentino's death—she married a Spaniard, Don Alcar Urvarez. And then she vanished again from the public gaze.

The other day, she was news once more—this time inside the covers of a book called simply "Valentino" (author: Alan Arnold, publisher: Hutchinson's, price: 12s. 6d.).

Her story of life with Valentino is told by Mr. Arnold. But what of her since?

### Was Not Sure

Someone said she was in Juan-les-Pins, in the south of France. Yes, she had been there, but left for New York.

Someone said she was in New York. Yes, she was there—in her mother's apartment.

Mrs. Hudnut was not sure, just for the moment, what her daughter's present name was. She remembered it was "something Spanish." Her daughter chose to remember nothing. The woman who put Valentino into the world's headlines has chosen to retire into the virtual anonymity of being just Winifred Hudnut.

She is pursuing this course with the same determination that led her to create the Valentino legend.

She danced the tango with Valentino at a Hollywood party. Then, one night, she held his hand through a showing of his film "The Four Horsemen." They were married in 1922.

He furnished his home so she would blend with the fittings: black velvet carpets and couches; a dining room in black and red.

One Christmas Natacha gave her husband a platinum slave bracelet and he wore it always.

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### Came The Clash

She told him what parts to take, what money to ask for.

On the screen he was the all-conquering lover and hero. At home Natacha made the decisions. And Valentino was happy.

Then came the clash—Natacha versus Hollywood. She wanted him to appear as the Black Prince, Hamlet, Robin Hood, in artistic pictures. Hollywood just wanted him to go on making commercial romances.

He was earning such a fortune that they went off to Europe together to spend it; he collecting armour; she ivory.

In the end the struggle between Natacha and Hollywood about Valentino could not be avoided. To avoid the impression that he was "trapped," the studio ordered him to be seen out at night—drinking, dancing, laughing, flirting.

Natacha discussed a new contract for him and then found there was one clause she could not move. It said that Mrs. Valentino was to have no say at all in any pictures the company called upon Mr. Valentino to make.

That was really the end. And the start of another legend—the legend of Winifred Hudnut.

## WHO PAYS THEM TO STUDY?

By George Hutchinson

ABOUT 8,000 students from overseas are in residence at the universities of Britain this term. Half of them come from countries of the Empire.

Who pays the high cost of travel, tuition and maintenance? Many students are sustained by public funds. Others hold scholarships given by men who nourish learning with their own fortunes.

Scholarships come from the dead and the living. There are renowned funds which serve incidentally as memorials to great industrial or political careers. Two were created by Britons who made their fortunes abroad: Cecil Rhodes and Andrew Carnegie.

### THE PARSON'S SON WON WEALTH

Rhodes, born 1853, was a Hertfordshire parson's son. He went out to Natal when he was 17, and won wealth in the diamond fields of Kimberley.

Rhodes's scholarships have drawn to Oxford some of the finest young brains and spirits of the Empire and the U.S.A. Sixty-seven or sixty-eight Rhodes Scholars come here every year. Thirty-two are Americans, the others Empire men. They stay two years (sometimes three), and their scholarships are worth £500 a year.

Rhodes was a Kipling-esque visionary. Andrew Carnegie, son of a Scots linen weaver, was more the type of industrial realist. He was an immigrant of boundless energy who made vast

riches in the steel works of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Carnegie endowed several funds before he died in 1919, among them the Carnegie Trust for Universities of Scotland. The Scottish trustees have granted this year two fellowships worth £800 each, and 50 scholarships. Six are senior scholarships worth £350 each plus £100 expenses; 44 are worth £300.

The profits of American industry support another fund which deserves the gratitude of Britons: the Commonwealth Fund, founded 84 years ago by Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness and enlarged by her son, the railway magnate Edward B. Harkness.

The Harkness money allows 35 yearly fellowships at U.S. universities for citizens of Britain and the Empire. They are worth 4,000 dollars each, with free travel.

Other notable Americans are commemorated by the Guggenheim Fellowships, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation Fellowships, and the Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships.

Outstanding example of scholarships given during lifetime is Lord Nuffield. But he makes most of his awards through organisations.

### CANADIANS IN LONDON

The Nuffield Foundation's 31 Dominion Travelling Fellowships, worth from £770 to £880 plus fares, provide a year's post-graduate training in Britain for citizens of seven Commonwealth countries. Another Nuffield trust maintains six medical awards for Empire graduates. They cover three years' work, and they are worth £550 a year (£650 for a man whose wife is with him), plus travel grant of £300.

As well as these 37 awards Lord Nuffield makes some 30 others, including eight to Empire farmers.

Lord Beaverbrook, Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, has outstanding 70 scholarships for Canadians this year.

Eighteen are for Canadian scholars who are sent to Britain for one and a half or two years' post-graduate study at London University. Fifty-two of the 70 have five-year scholarships in their own province, New Brunswick.

The London awards are worth £650 a year, and Lord Beaverbrook pays travelling expenses of around £200 apiece.

Compared with private scholarships, State patronage is apt to be rigid. But the American scheme, named after Senator Fulbright, who promoted it, is administered with suppleness and imagination.

The Fulbright interchange of scholars applies between the U.S.A. and about a score of other countries.

### BURDEN ON THE TAXPAYER

At British universities this term are more than 180 Fulbright scholars, and there are three in the Colonies. Tuition is free and the maintenance allowance is roughly £400 a year.

There are also 45 American university teachers here and in the Empire with Fulbright travel and maintenance grants; and the fund has paid this year the return fares of 310 Britons studying in the U.S.A.

But the burden of State help, however well devised, is upon the taxpayer, already over-haunted. Under oppressive taxes of one kind and another the wealthy, too, are willing. As private fortunes diminish, scholarship must look increasingly to business for support.

Some firms already give it—among them, the Hudson's Bay Company, the Brush-Aboe group, and Shell. The Federation of British Industries gives scholarships, and so do some of the professional societies.

This way, direct industrial and professional patronage, is likely to be the way of the future.

## Bright, slick booming... AND NOW, QUITE SUDDENLY, THE ARAB CITY OF CASABLANCA IS bloodthirsty

by SYDNEY SMITH

FORGET about Humphrey Bogart when you read the name Casablanca—especially today.

To get in the mood for understanding why and how the wild Berber mobs from the old walled fortress city, the Arab Medina, have burst out along the tree-lined neon-lit boulevards of France's richest colonial city to cut the throats of French citizens, you must scrap the celluloid Casablanca. Bogart has never been there anyway.

Today it is the "Casablanca" on the screen—a sprawling, glittering "Casablanca," bright, slick, and booming—with American dollars and the mineral and oranges-and-lemons wealth that is turning it into the richest and greatest port of North Africa.

Down along the main street—the Rue de la Gare, where they can repeat any glittering offer of the Rue de la Paix, only cheaper—the shoe-shine Arab boys speak good American.

And if you do not want a shoe-shine the next gambit is "D'you wanna go some place, Joe?"

Quaint old Moorish buildings? Yes—the City Hall, less than 25 years old.

Glamour? Yes, in the chromium cinemas.

Wealth? Absolutely—bursting out everywhere in great 15-story super-modern concrete apartment houses; in three miles of wharves that will double themselves in the next three years; in 1,000 million American dollars going into five great atom-bomb bases; and in a standing American force greater than the French Army and police together.

And now the red flame of Communist-exploited nationalism is, licking through the boulevards of Little-Paris-in-Africa. Why and how?

The secret flame is coming from the Old Medina. Thirty years ago it was all there was of Casablanca—a little Arab port with a 12,000 population.

Today 60,000 live there, and the modern city, port, and industrial area pouring its factory smoke back in long plumes over the desert hold 60,000 people. There is a New Medina now and on the outskirts there are reinforcements to the Arab population, waiting to move in. They are living meantime in a place called Bidonville—literally translated "tin town" because it has been hammered out of American petrol cans.

The first spark that has carried the flame of fanatical nationalism through the Medinas and Bidonville has come from the murder of the Tunisian trade unionist leader Ferhat Hached.

The desert telegraph has spread the lie that Hached was murdered by the French colonialist secret militia "The Red Hand."

Tunisian and Moroccan nationalists had already met in London last October at the International Congress of Peoples, presided over by Mr. Ferner Brockway. The tinder to pass the flame was well laid and dry.

That is the immediate reason for the Moroccan flare-up. But

Yes, this is indeed a sad story among allies. But it is as my friend Pierre, a typical average Moroccan Frenchman, told it to me.

It is a story with more than one side, no doubt. But it explains why the French are out of the United Nations debate on North Africa.

It is a clue to the intolerant attitude of the French towards what they consider an unrealistic sentimentalism towards politically immature North Africans.

It is a clue, too, to the reason behind the knives and the bombs, the harsh reality behind the tinzel of Casablanca.

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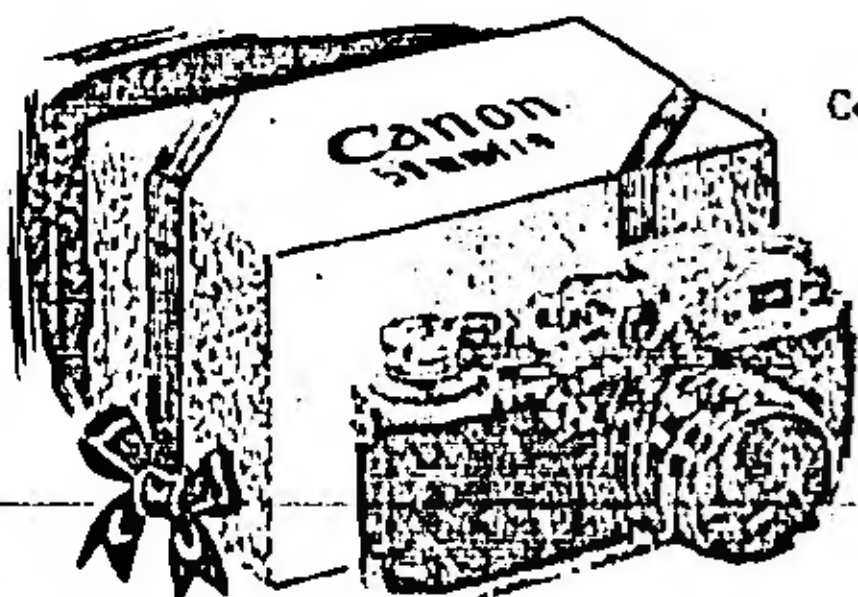
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# Jack Hobbs Is 70 Not Out Today

## Runs Flowed From His Bat Like Strokes From An Artist's Brush

By DENNIS HART

Easter Monday, 1905, dawned cold and miserable, with rain threatening. Despite this, a large crowd assembled at the Oval to see Surrey play the Gentlemen of England. For this was one of the most attractive fixtures of the season. On view were men whose deeds had become legendary.

Leading the Gents was the immortal W. G. Grace, and opening for Surrey was the great Tom Hayward. Between them, these two held more batting records than all the others put together.

But, although the shivering crowd did not realise it, there was present one destined to outshine even these great players. For striding out of the pavilion, tightly gripping his bat to conceal his nervousness at his debut in first class cricket, came a young man named Hobbs, John Berry Hobbs.

Today, Jack celebrates his 70th birthday. And it seems like only yesterday that we were watching him scoring centuries at the Oval, or reading of his exploits in the papers.

SPANNED TWO ERAS  
But it was in fact 19 years ago that Jack took off his pads for the last time. This ended a career which spanned two eras.

It began in the days of Grace, Trumper and Fry, when fashionable cricket-watchers arrived at Lord's in a hansom after bumping over the cobbled streets of Edgewood Lane.

It ended with Hammond, Bradman and Headley as the heroes of the day, and with cricket beginning to recover from the 'body-line' controversy which had threatened to split it in two.

During those 30-odd years Jack Hobbs made more runs, scored more centuries than any one before or since. His exploits made him the most talked-of man in the game. His name became a household word the world over.

But for all his runs and records, Hobbs was a batsman, not a scoring machine. Runs flowed from his bat like strokes from an artist's brush rather than mass-produced items off an assembly line.

He knew every stroke in the book, and each one he played perfectly. In fact it was said of him that he never made a bad stroke.

When he announced his retirement, he had 197 centuries to his credit. Many friends begged him to carry on to make it a double century of hundreds.

The fact that he had made nearly half his centuries after the age of 30 showed him fully capable of doing so, but he replied: "I want people to remember me at my best. I do not want to hear such mutterings."

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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as "that's Hobbs, I remember him before he went off." IDOLISED  
Yes, Jack was idolised. In fact, such was his fame that Surrey were playing at the Oval, the first thing the local factory and office workers enquired on leaving work was: "Is Hobbs batting?" If so, many a housewife had the dinner spoilt because a husband arrived home an hour late.

To him batting was the most natural thing in the world. Just as others can swim the first time they fall in the water, so Jack could make strokes the first time he picked up a bat.

He learned the rudiments of the game from his father who was a coach and groundsman to one of the Cambridge colleges. It was at the University that he saw one of his early favourites, the great Ranjitsinhji.

Jack never copied the Indian prince's style, but in his after years it was noticeable that his play contained much of Ranji's ease and grace.

Hobbs did not crash onto the scene at an early age with a series of prodigious feats. He was 22 when he entered first class cricket, and although he made a century on his county debut, his average for his first season was a modest 28.52, for 1,317 runs, scored in 51 completed innings. Yet this was a portent of things to come.

LESS SEVERE  
For all his subsequent greatness, however, he was less severe than many batsmen, especially in the latter part of his career. If the state of the game allowed it, he frequently threw away his wicket after passing the century mark.

Hobbs liked his cricket to be a struggle. It gave him more pleasure to fight it out on a 'sticky' than to have runs handed to him on a 'feather bed.'

It was his ability on bad wickets which brought victory to England in the 1926 series against Australia.

The first four Tests had been drawn, and in the final one at the Oval, England were 22 runs behind on the first innings. Torrential overnight rain had made the wicket a spin bowlers' paradise, and England's chances seemed slight indeed.

But on his own pitch, before his own crowd, Hobbs reigned supreme. Australian bowlers Arthur Mailey and Arthur Richardson were in top form and gave nothing away. But neither did Hobbs.

Playing each ball on its merit, refusing to be tempted into 'having a go' despite being tied down by maiden after maiden, he scored a brilliant century, and set England off the winning path.

SUTCLIFFE'S TRIBUTE  
His opening partner, Herbert Sutcliffe of Yorkshire, who also scored a century, said of Hobbs' innings: "It was a masterpiece of determined and skilful batting."

Sutcliffe opened the England innings with Hobbs on many occasions, and shared in numerous three-figure partnerships with him.

More than anyone, he is qualified to comment on Hobbs' technique. "He is the best batsman I have ever seen," says Sutcliffe. "Each stroke is a

technical masterpiece, foot, body, shoulders, wrists and fingers working perfectly together, the whole controlled by a keenly alert brain. Hobbs was as sound as Moad, and as brilliant as Woolley. He is my ideal of a batsman, with my ideal of the temperament a batsman should have."

Hobbs, who now has a sports shop in London's Fleet Street, has not changed greatly from when he used to delight the Oval crowds. His hair has thinned, and whitened. But his figure is still erect, and the passing of the years has not dimmed the famous Hobbs' smile.

During his playing career he made friends in all parts of the world through his ability and charm. I am sure they will join me on this day in saying "Well played Jack—a happy birthday."

DRIVING  
Against W. Middle (1935)  
—(London Express Service)

Off The Course  
Betting Shows  
Marked Drop

London, Dec. 15.  
Off the course betting on the totalisator has shown a marked drop in the first nine months of this year in Britain.

Tote Investors Limited, the organisation responsible for credit betting at race odds, have informed their clients that the turnover up to September is down by at least 750,000 sterling.

Last year tote-betting totalled 2,250,000 of which 213,000, 000 went through the hands of Tote Investors Limited. A reduction of these figures of a million on these figures is a considerable loss.

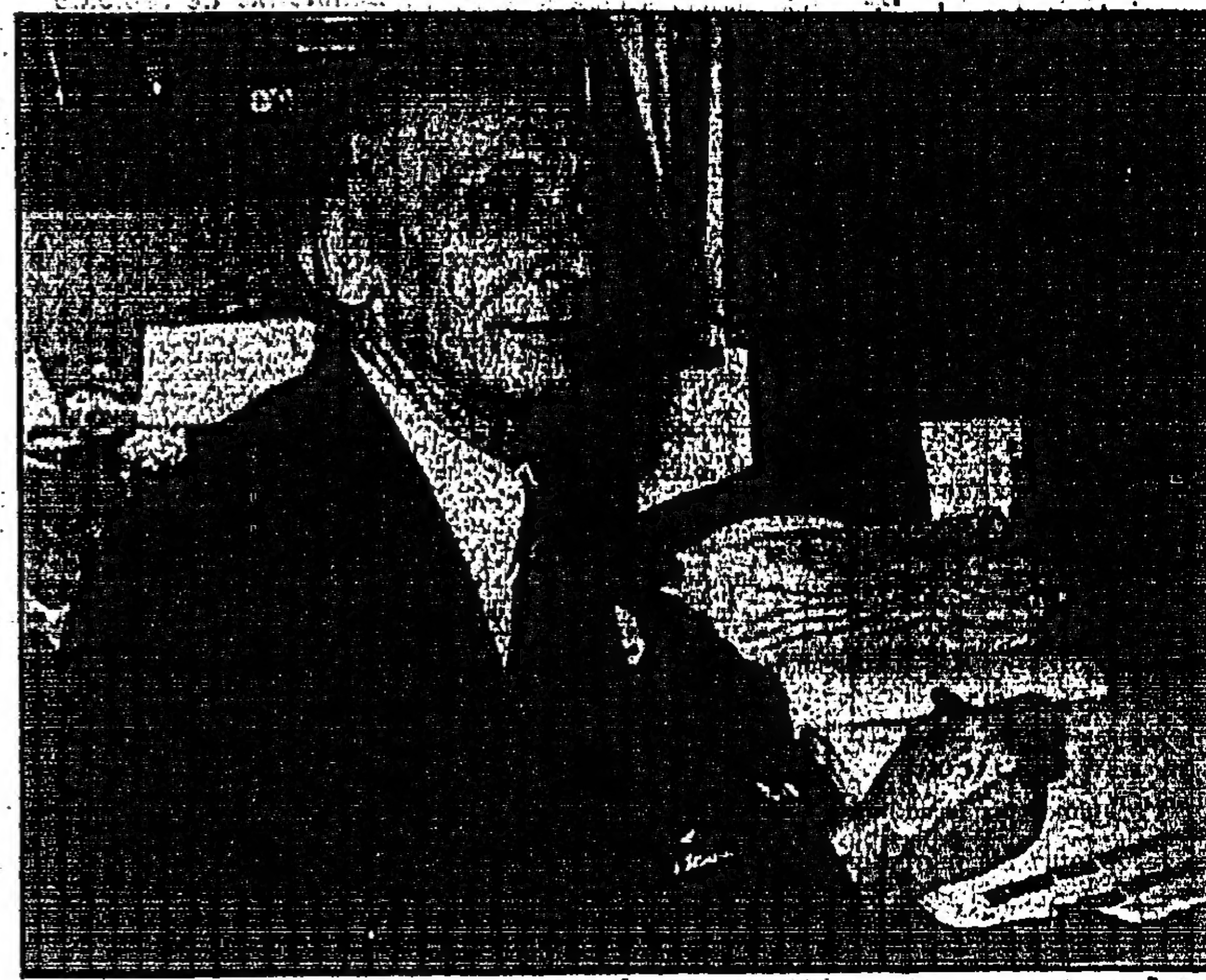
The abnormally long period of hard going in the summer is blamed for the drop in turnover. There is no evidence of any lessening of the British public's love for "something on their finger."

SMALL FIELDS  
Hard going reduced fields in many cases to almost negligible proportions, with a consequent decrease in place betting. It is likely that the results would have been worse for the Tote had they not extended the scope of foreign pools, a popular form of betting in which punters have to name the winner and second in correct order.

For years this form of betting had operated only on fields of three, four and five runners, but during the last flat racing season the totalisator authorities extended it to cover fields of six and seven runners.

This proved a great success, making a ready appeal to backers by the big dividends which often emerged. Odds of four and five hundred to one were paid on forecasts during the season.—Reuter.

HKFA MEETING  
The Grounds Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held a private meeting yesterday to make arrangements regarding the Governor's Cup match, the Singapore inter-port game and the forthcoming visit of an Australian team.



Latest picture of Jack Hobbs, taken with the score still at 69. — Express Photo.

### Jack Hobbs Says

## Old Cricket Was More Fun

By GEORGE WHITING

The pimply youth, circa 1922, timidly offered the shop-assistant the voucher which said that Jack Hobbs, of Surrey and England, would be pleased to present the bearer with a cricket bat. The assistant, discriminating expertly between voucher-carriers and cash customers, indicated a row of bats and turned to more lucrative clients.

Then a hand tapped a shoulder, a quiet voice said, "Can I help you, son?" and for the next half-hour the youth dwelt in heaven as he listened to Hobbs himself drop pearls of cricket wisdom regarding the weight, shape, structure and purpose of what was to become the most highly prized piece of willow in all the land.

Two years later, the youth—less pimply but more precocious—returned with the bat and duly ordered repairs without bothering to look at the sales man.

But the salesman was Hobbs. He quizzed the youth, frowned on the battered edges of the bat, and murmured: "Dear me, and to think we took such pains to pick this one. What on earth have you been doing with it?"

Hobbs, with a reminiscent twinkle in his steady, blue eyes, "I could spot the spin even in those early days, but I had no pads, and standing up was easier said than done."

THE GOOD TIMES  
Hobbs smiles away any reference to the 61,221 smoothly acquired runs in England, Australia, South Africa and India that made him the world's No. 1 batsman between 1905 and 1934. Nothing will tempt Hobbs, brilliantly orthodox on fast wickets and a genius on sticky ones, to pontificate on past glories. The incidents he prefers to recall are those he enjoyed rather than those that made him a legend.

"My best knock?" he says. "I would say the 87 I got in about 1921, and you'll not find it in the record books. It was against Malley and Gregory, of Australia on a private ground at Attleborough, in Norfolk, where I was playing for Lionel Robinson's XI."

"I retired with a torn thigh muscle, but that did not worry me. I really did have a shot for every ball that day."

"The best bowler I ever played against? Undoubtedly, the late Johnny Douglas, of Essex. He was deadly on his day, especially with the new ball."

"Modern cricket? It is not for an old man like me to judge, but the wickets seem slower, and the ball does not come up high enough for some of the shots we used to play."

BETWEEN WICKETS  
"Running between the wickets seems slower, too. You had to hurry when you were batting with Wally Rhodes or Harry Sutcliffe or Andy Sandham."

"I was always lucky in my partners, though I used to be pleased when old Tom Hayward was out before me. He was a bit on the heavy side, and none too keen on having a youngster at the other end saying when he should run. Then Ernie Hayes would come in, and off we'd go."

"Present-day cricket seems more commercial than our sort. It makes my mouth water to read about some of these modern legends. I got about 24,000 including a testimonial for when I broke Grace's record of 125 centuries. But I bet we had more fun than they do now."

"Souvenir? No, I got rid of most of my stuff. All I have left is my first bat, and the one I scored a hundred with in my first county game at the Oval in 1905."

John Berry Hobbs... ten thousand cricket rabbits salute you. In you we have seen what we ourselves would have sold our blitheness to have been.

Italian Davis Cup Team To Play In Manila Series

Manila, Dec. 10.  
The Italian Davis Cup team, victors in the Inter-Zone match between Italy and India, will play in the Philippines in a Christmas Invitational series from December 25 to December 28 here.

Captain Bono, of the Italian team, in a cable from Brisbane on Monday, notified the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation that the Italians would definitely make the trip.

The Philippine Davis Cup trio, Feliciano Ampon, Raymundo Derrito, and Cesar Carmona, will head the local players to meet the victors.

India-Pakistan Test Match Ends In Draw

Calcutta, Dec. 15.  
The fifth and final Test match between India and Pakistan ended in a draw today.

Pakistan, who scored 257 in their first innings, declared their second innings closed at 236 for seven.

India, who scored 397 in their first innings, needed 97 to win. They scored 23 without loss at the drawing of stumps.—Reuter.

They were victorious in the first and third matches. Pakistan won the second and the fourth was abandoned because of rain).

### JACK HOBBS MILESTONES

Here are some milestones in the career of Jack Hobbs:

1905: Scored a 100 in his first county game at The Oval.

1907: Hobbs and Hayward scored more than 100 together for Surrey's first wicket, four times in one week.

1909: Hobbs and Hayward hit 332 for Surrey's first wicket against Warwickshire.

1911-12: Hobbs and W. Rhodes made 333 in an opening stand against Australia at Melbourne—a record for Anglo-Australian Tests.

1920: Scored four 100s in succession.

1923: Hit his 100th 100.

1924-5: Hobbs and Sutcliffe, in consecutive opening stands, for England against Australia, made 157, 110 and 233.

1925: Scored 3,024 runs (average 70.32), including 16 100s, aged 42.

1926: Made his highest score—316 not out, for Surrey against Middlesex at Lord's.

1928: Hobbs and Sandham hit 428 for Surrey's first wicket against Oxford University.

1934: Played his last season of first-class cricket. Hobbs scored altogether 61,221 runs in 1,315 matches (average 50.03). His class: 5,410 runs in Tests (16.84) and 8,639 against Australia (54.24).

He hit 244 hundreds in all cricket and 197 in first-class matches—a record that still stands.

SIR DONALD IS WANTED ON THE BOARD

Melbourne, Dec. 15.  
New South Wales cricket administrator want Sir Donald Bradman back on the Australian Board of Cricket Control, Sporting Globe's cricket writer H.A. de Lucy said recently.

"They feel Bradman is the man to bring about reforms in Australian cricket by constitutional means."

Constitutional reforms in being discussed as an alternative to a direct appeal to the New South Wales Cricket Board from the Board of Control.

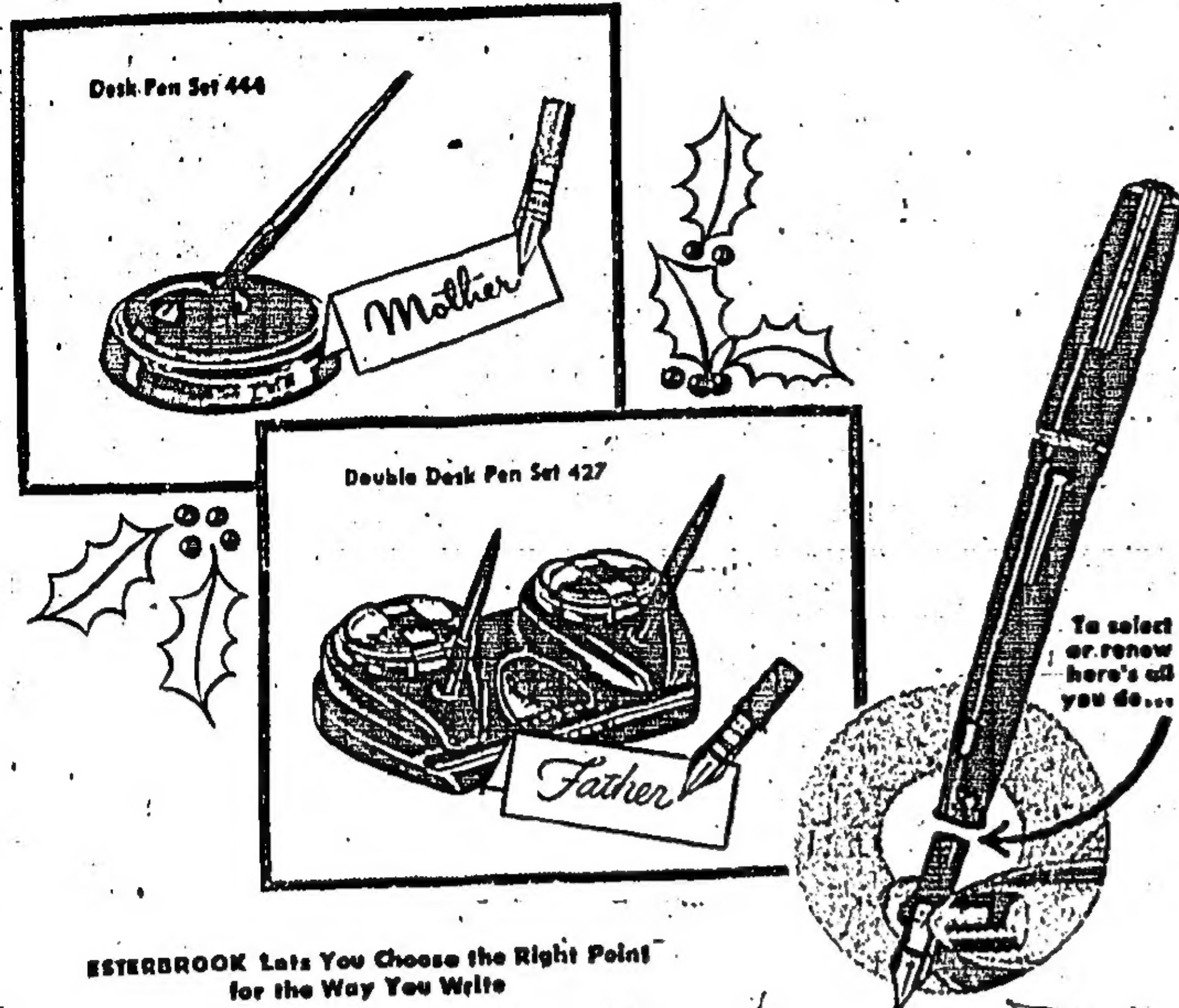
Round table talks with Prime Minister Menzies or Opposition Leader Dr. Evatt (both cricket enthusiasts) have also been suggested as a way of smoothing out cricket administration difficulties.—Reuter.

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## Ladies' League Review

### Wahoos And Squaws Forge Ahead With Easy Wins

By "KEYSTONE"

The Wahoo Owls gave the young Pandas another severe savaging on Sunday morning, tallying 17 times on 11 hits to preserve a spotlessly clean record, while the revitalised Squaws kept pace with the League leaders by trampling Down South China 16-4.

On Saturday, the Pool To ladies gave Frank Poon's hapless Chinese Athletics the old heave-ho to tumble them irrevocably down into the chilly gloom of the League cellar.

In the topside Pool To CAA game on Saturday, schoolgirl May Wu again demonstrated her prowess on the mound by disposing of no less than six of the first nine CAA batters with her off-travelled strike-out route.

It was only in the fourth inning that Frank Poon's rookies could lay a stick on her blinding pitches when they manufactured three runs on a bunt hit by keystone sacker K. Wong and a bludge to centre by centrefielder P.Y. Chan.

Three successive errors by Pool To first-sacker Y.M. Lee conceded a further brace of CAA runs in the fifth to top off all the scoring the Athletics could muster.

**UTTER ABANDON**  
The mustard-keen Pool To squad scooted around the bases in utter abandon from the very first inning when one solitary bunt hit threw the entire CAA field out of gear and caused an even dozen errors to allow Pool To to score seven runs.

The tragic-comedy of errors continued afresh in all the following innings, during none of which did the CAA pitcher face less than eight enemy batters. A final score of 23 runs resulting from five scanty hits probably constitutes some sort of record in local softball annals, and the CAA girls now become permanent occupants of the unchallenged bottom rung of the League ladder by this dubious achievement.

A kind word of praise and recognition must be added here for the persistently enthusiastic spirit and fine sportsmanship displayed by the Chinese Athletics girls who, participating in League-play for the very first time, have been putting up a valiant fight against overwhelming opposition in an unflinching, never-say-die manner.

This kind of spirit is all the more to be commended by its seeming rarity in Chinese teams, and is certainly worthy of emulation by certain teams in this and the other Leagues.

**THUNDEROUS VOLLEY**  
With new life injected into the team by new and capable management, the Squaws battered South China into submission with a thunderous volley of base-blows.

Squaws twirled "Bonnie Eyes" Remedios went the full distance of seven innings, keeping the Nam Wah girls in tight check with six well-scattered safeties, of which first-sacker Madeleine Gosling and third baseman O. C. Chan collected two apiece.

Benita Remedios practically won the ballgame single-handed by slapping out a perfect four-inning performance with the bickory limb, while clean-up batter Sheila Silva maintained her slugging reputation with four hits in five trips to the dish. First base guardian A. Oliveira and third baseman "Zally Zun" tickled the apple for a home-run each.

Boasting of a long array of talented stick-artists in Sheila Silva, Benita Remedios, Thelma Waddle, Sally Sun and A. Oliveira, the Squaw-women are certain to wind up their current League schedule sharing top place with the pace-setting Wahoos.

This would lead to a five-game play-off series for the Senior Ladies' Division Championship between the two teams, and already followers of the two rival camps are licking their chops over the expected knock-down, drag-out fight to come.

Willie Woo's Pandas entertained the Green Wahoos at the far end of the field to a Sunday breakfast that ended with the guests gobbling up the hosts when the Owls clawed up the young Bears with a 17-7 score.

The Wahoos swooped down hard from the very first when, after successive walks that choked the bases with runners, slugging shortstop Irene Sluckey belted a zooming homer into centrefield.

The Pandas pitched gingerly back into the picture run by run and almost drew up when the

south frame rolled around. Then the Wahoo batters began hacking in earnest at Pearl Chan's delivery, socking the ball for three hits in a row, which brought six runs across the plate.

The Owls picked up two more markers in the fifth and completed the rout with six more tallies in the final frame when centrefielder S. Collico ripped out a two-run homer to put the game away in cold storage.

#### FOUGHT BACK

The Panda girls fought back mightily in the fifth "inning" which Ingrid Wang opened with a rousing single. Diane Tong then lofted a pitch into centre which was juggled, scoring the runner.

Hot-corner guardian Eugenie Kwok then clouted the pill into the outer gardens for a base-clearing homer. Ida Pan got a life on a misuke by the second baseman, and scored when Pearl Chan's grounder was heaved wild. Pearl Chan was nailed at third on an attempted steal, and "Little Amy" Cheng fanned out to end the rally.

For the Pandas, Ingrid Wang stroked out two hits in four trips to the plate, while Irene Starkey snaked a firm claim for this season's batting title with three hits in five, including the

three-run homer in the first canto.

Team-mates Doreen Ozorio, S. Collico and Gwendy Dragon were each credited with two hits to boost skipper Terry Noronha's games-won percentage another notch up.

With all teams in the distaff circuit rounding into the final stretch this month, and most teams having completed at least two-thirds of their schedule, it becomes obvious that the invincible Wahoos and their hotly-chasing rivals, the Squaws, will wind up in the coveted play-off berths and leave the Ladies' Junior Championships for the Pandas, South China, CAA and Pool To to make it an all-Chinese squabble.

Keen, closely-contested struggles are in store for the eager blearies in both circuits, and the two defending championship outfits, the Wahoos and Pool To, will have to throw in their all to ward off being dethroned.

#### TEAM STANDINGS

	Played	Won	Lost
Wahoos	7	7	0
Squaws	8	6	2
S. China	8	4	4
Pool To	7	3	4
Pandas	8	3	5
CAA	8	0	8

## Cri du Coeur

By HENRY LONGHURST

Oh dear, oh dear! Here is a sorry tale indeed! A cry from the heart of one who, having read my reference to a period of freedom from golfing "stagers," seeks the cure for a disease hitherto unknown to science.

I must preserve the victim's anonymity. Briefly, he is in the middle thirties, and in an honourable profession. He is a bachelor, though whether that is relevant I cannot say.

He had, in the days before the golf Unions went off their collective rockers, a handicap of four, and claims to be the only club captain to have started the first competition of his year of office with an air shot.

Now he suffers the tortures of the damned and sees the mental home looming round the corner. His putting, I gather, is all right. His short game is certainly all right. And, for the long shots, he can get the club up all right, but when he has got it up he can't get it down.

#### TRANSFIXED

For several seconds he stands there transfixed like a banger frozen into sudden immobility. His friends offer ludicrous advice of a kind from which I have myself suffered much in the past. "Just go up and hit it," they say, "without thinking about it." As well tell a rabbit confronted by a stoat to "simply run away."

Golfers who "get stuck" and cannot start the club back have been comparatively common, the most distinguished being John de Forest, who actually won the championship while suffering from this curious malady, but this surely is the first authenticated case of one who could get the club up, but could not get it down.

The victim thinks seriously, he says, of consulting a stage hypnotist by whose act he was much impressed, and certainly if I were he I should do so. For many years I have been saying that, if I had had my consulting not Fred Robson but a reputable hypnotist to convince me that I could do what I wished and knew myself able to do—namely, strike the ball four feet in the desired direction with a putter.

It so happened that recently, by virtue of the Medical Golfing Society dinner, I was able to take not one but about 60 "second opinions" on



respectful, however, to a profession which some of us came to regard with a certain unworthy levity during the war, let me say that a very well-known London golfer is said to have been cured of "putting paralysis" by one of this gentleman's colleagues.

#### "ALL OVER QUEER"

For myself, I believe that the tiny portion of the human brain which causes one to "come all over queer" at the sight of a short putt will one day prove to be the same as that which causes a man who, in an advanced stage of intoxication, can walk safely along a six foot pavement, to be completely paralyzed when confronted, sober, by the same pavement stretched over the Niagara Falls.

Till that time comes, I can only offer the victim lay advice. It is that he should try saying to himself "Now let's make sure of a nice definite pause at the top of the swing. He is then almost certain to flash it down as quickly as the rest of us."

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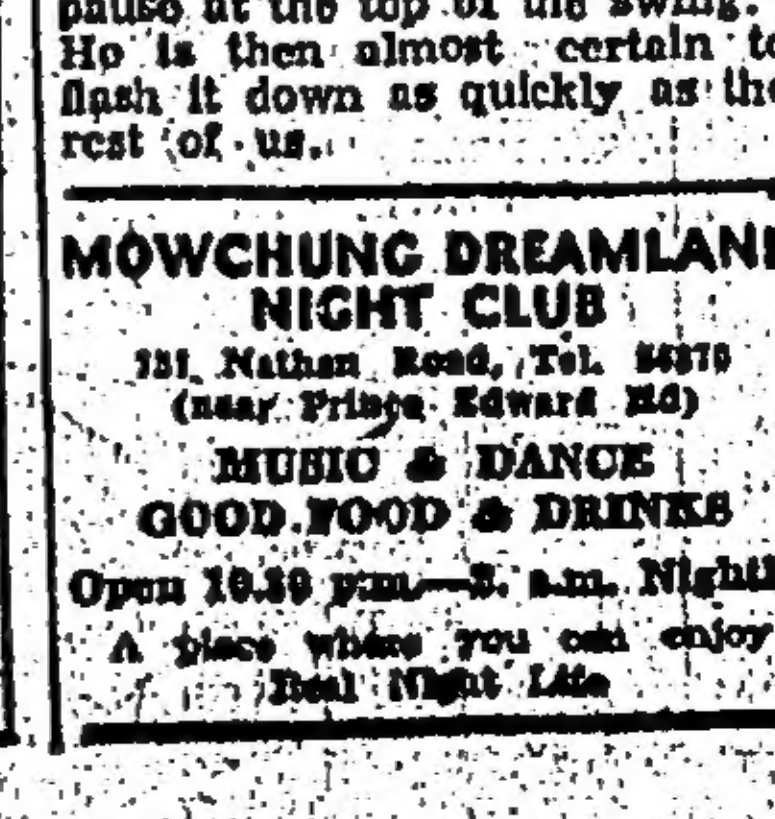
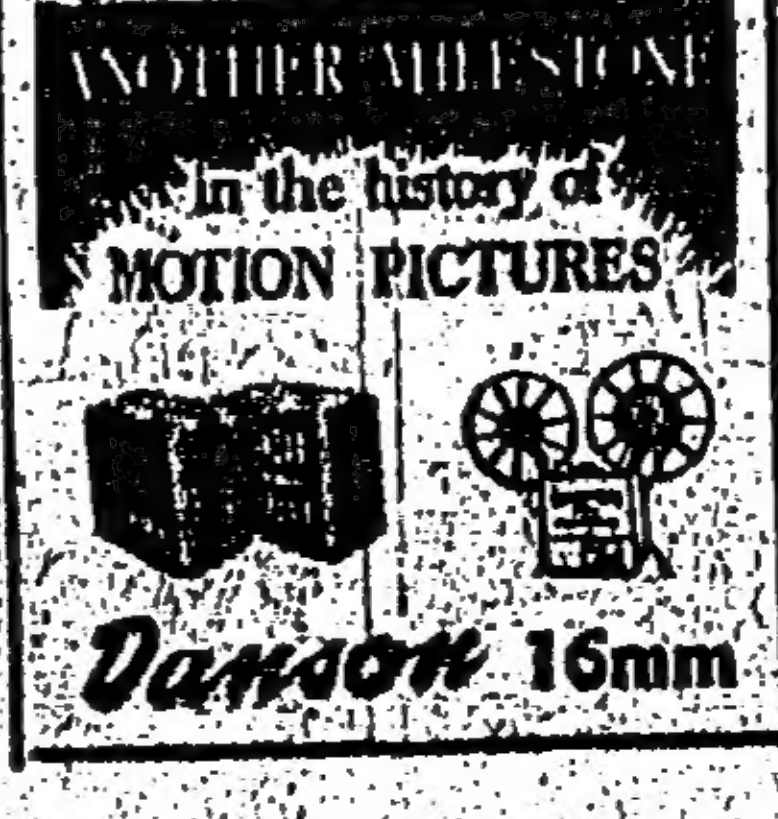
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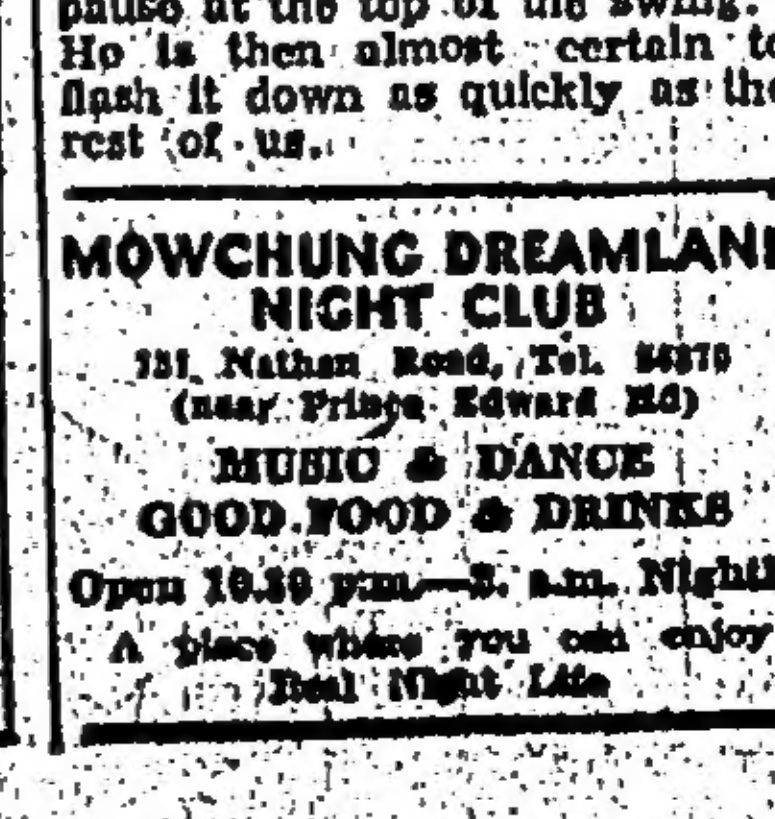
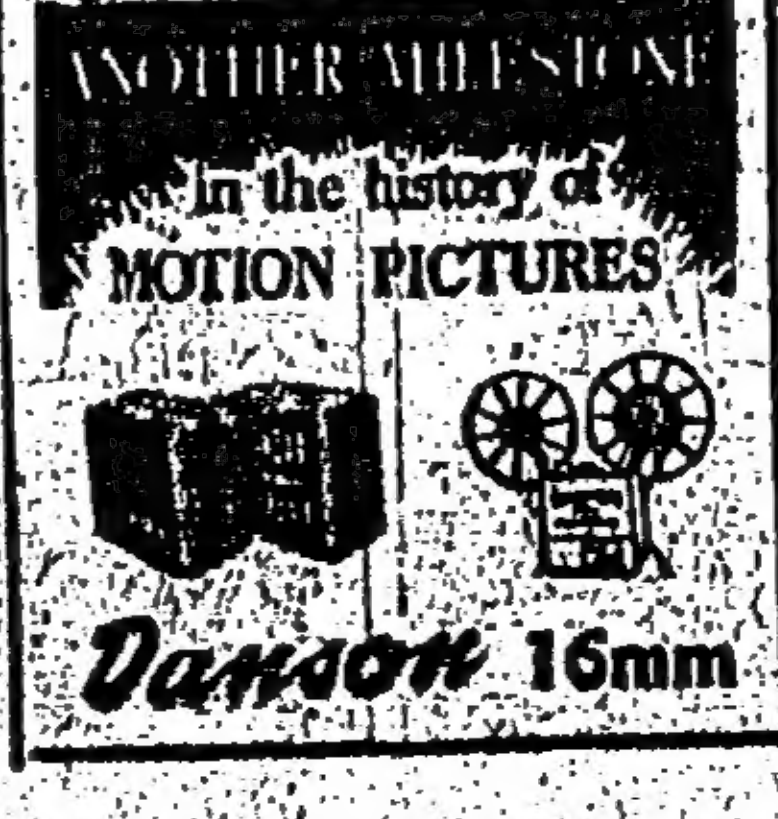
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London, Dec. 15. A 20,000-ton British liner, just ordered from Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, by the Shaw Savill Line, will not carry cargo of any kind.

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## Paper Suspended

Khartoum, Dec. 15. Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, has suspended for six months the issue of Al Sahara, a Left-wing biweekly newspaper. No reason was given for the decision.

## NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF WALTER MORRIS THOMSON late of Colonial Secretariat, in the Colony of Hongkong, Defence Secretary, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 84 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance (Chapter 10), made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the Fourth day of January, 1953.

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"TJINWANG"	Jan. 7	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
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"TJINWANG"	Feb. 25	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Del	
"TJINWANG"	Mar. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
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## ARRIVALS

	In Port	From
"TILUWAI"	Dec. 23	Macassar, Singapore, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJINWANG"	Dec. 23	S. Africa, Mauritius, Djakarta & Singapore
"BOHEVAIN"	Dec. 24	S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore & Manila

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## M.S. "THAI"

Arrives Dec. 20 from Japan.  
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Arrives Dec. 29 from Singapore.  
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## India Displays Her Products

New York, Dec. 15. India maintains showrooms of moderate size in New York, London, Bangkok and Port Louis to exhibit her products. D. P. Karmarkar, Minister of State for Commerce, told questions in Parliament.

There are show window displays in San Francisco, Stockholm, Prague, Rome, Alexandria, Tokyo, Djakarta, Colombo, Kabul, Dacca, Wellington, Sydney, Trinidad and Mombasa, he said.

Special arrangements have been made for the display of handicrafts in Berlin, Hamburg, Buenos Aires, Manila, Paris, Rio de Janeiro and Rome, he added.—Associated Press.

## JAPANESE BONDS

London, Dec. 15. Japanese bonds (4% of 1899) ... 84  
" (4% of 1910) ... 80  
" (4% of 1927) ... 100  
" (4% of 1934) ... 100  
" (4% of 1939) ... 100  
Consols ... 60  
—United Press.

## PI TO MAKE CAR TYRES

Manila, Dec. 15. The Philippines will soon start manufacturing car tyres. Hermogenes Jacinto, Vice-President of the Jacinto Rubber and Plastics Inc., announced his firm would set up a \$500,000 tyre-producing plant here in three months.

Mr. Jacinto, who recently returned from a business trip to the United States, said he had secured the services of two American and two Japanese technicians as advisers. He also disclosed that \$100,000 worth of machinery purchased in the United States is en route for his new plant.—Associated Press.

## FOOD PRICES IN U.S. DOWN

New York, Dec. 15. U.S. wholesale food prices this past week posted their sharpest drop since early September, according to the Dun and Bradstreet food index. The index fell from 100.22 last week to 99.15 this week and was down 0.1 per cent from the year-ago week's 99.69.—Associated Press.

## World Bank Profits

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 15. The World Bank has lent \$1,500,000,000 since the end of World War II and has been able to set aside \$100,000,000 in reserve from profits received, the bank's senior official said.

## ROOTES' PLANS FOR FAR EAST

London, Dec. 15. The car manufacturing Rootes Group of Britain—makers of Humber and Hillman cars—may license a Japanese company to manufacture its cars in the Far East.

If it does so, it will be following the lead set recently by its principal competitor, the Austin company.

Austin's chief last month invited the president of the Nissan Motor Company to Britain for talks. These resulted in Japan being granted a licence to make Austin cars in Tokyo.

Now the Rootes Group has admitted that its Managing Director, Mr. James Goddard Chaldecott, is at the moment in Japan negotiating with Japanese firms likely to be interested.

London headquarters of the Group have not yet revealed which Japanese firms are involved, but expect a decision one way or the other shortly.

In recent months British economists have forecast that the motor car manufacturers in Britain will have to license Japanese manufacture of their products if they want to keep their footing in the Far East.

Reasons given have been import difficulties abroad and the continued imposition at home of purchase tax which makes prices too high for ready sales to Britons.

## U.S. Retail Sales Increase

Washington, Dec. 15. The Commerce Department estimates that U.S. retail sales were six per cent higher in October this year than in October of 1951.

Total sales for the first 10 months of the year were up three per cent, the report said. The estimates were not adjusted for seasonal influences or for price changes.

The report gave these details: Estimated retail sales in October amounted to \$4,900,000,000. That was eight per cent more than in September.

Petrol service station sales showed the biggest increase, compared with sales in October a year ago—20 per cent. Car dealers and clothing stores came next, with increases of 13 per cent over sales in October, 1951.

They were followed by food stores, eight per cent; Department stores (including mail order houses) seven per cent; and furniture and appliance stores, four per cent.—Associated Press.

## HK Buyer Of Cellophane

Tokyo, Dec. 15. October exports of cellophane dropped by 15,000 tons to 9,964 tons from September, the Cellophane Industry Association reported.

The decline was due to increased domestic demand and lower overseas prices. Eighty per cent of Japan's cellophane went to Southeast Asia with Hongkong the largest importer. Hongkong accounted for half the exports to Southeast Asia.

Other importing countries include Spain, which took 1,000 tons, and Iran and Iraq.—Associated Press.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Dec. 15. The tin market was barely steady this morning. Turnover was 95 tons, of which 40 tons were for cash and the rest for early January. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin buyers ... 84 1/2  
Spot tin sellers ... 85 1/2  
Three-months tin ... 86 1/2  
Business done ... 87 1/2  
Settlement ... 88 1/2  
—United Press.

## Ceylon's Trade Agreement With Red China

## Effect On Relations With U.S.

Colombo, Dec. 15. In Colombo's busy harbour lies the Russian ship Sevastopol loaded with 8,000 tons of Chinese rice, the second such shipment to arrive in Ceylon since the conclusion in October of a trade agreement with China.

On September 14, a seven-man mission headed by Ceylon's Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, went to Peking to negotiate a short-term rice agreement to meet Ceylon's urgent current needs, and a general trade pact excluding rubber.

They also went to discuss rubber and to try to work out a long-term arrangement for the purchase of rice.

A month later the mission returned with an undertaking from China to supply 80,000 tons of rice before the end of the year at a price substantially lower than that charged by Ceylon's biggest traditional supplier, Burma.

The Minister also carried with him a trade convention, which was ratified immediately by the Cabinet, expressing the mutual desire of China and Ceylon to trade with each other and in which China expressed her willingness to sell sulphur, tobacco, newsprint, and coal.

Sulphur is of the greatest importance for the protection from disease of Ceylon's valuable rubber trees, and tobacco and newsprint are dollar commodities, a saving on which is attractive to this dollar-short sterling country.

Finally, the Minister brought a Chinese offer to buy Ceylon's entire output of sheet rubber, about 50,000 tons a year, for five years, the price in the first year to be 32d a pound compared to the world market price of about 21d. At the same time China offered to provide a minimum of 200,000 tons of rice a year for five years at 25s a ton in the first year, compared with the forecast world price of 26s.

After three weeks of heated discussion in Ceylon's Press about the political implications of the deal, the Cabinet approved the long-term proposals in principle. A second mission from Ceylon is now in Peking trying to obtain a Chinese commitment for an additional 100,000 tons of rice a year and to obtain a lower price.

One of the desirable features of the proposed agreement is Chinese willingness to accept payment in rupees, since nearly all the main and traditional sources of rice are demanding dollar payment. Further, as Mr. Senanayake has pointed out, at current world prices one ton of Ceylon rubber buys about three tons of rice. On the basis of prices suggested by the Chinese, one ton of Ceylon rubber will buy 5.3 tons of rice.

Politics aside, the Chinese negotiations undoubtedly have great significance for Ceylon, which imports annually about 400,000 tons of rice for the staple diet of its people. With the world shortage of this vital grain added to the fact that Ceylon has had to buy rice with dollars at steadily increasing prices, the Government have been hard pressed to fulfil ration requirements.

The rubber-rice exchange, if it is finally concluded, will not improve cordiality between Ceylon and the United States. But Ceylon has already been cut off from assistance under the Point Four Programme since 1951, when Ceylon first began to ship rubber to China. To date there have been eight such shipments.

Because of the Kom Amchenn later incorporated in the Battle Act, denying any Point Four help to nations supplying strategic materials to aggressor countries, American technical assistance to Ceylon, which had until then been in any case only on a very small scale, came to an abrupt end.

Only a minority of the Cingalese seem to feel that the country is losing much by dealing with China, and that minority bases its thinking on the risks of departing from traditional trade patterns rather than on any special wish for American aid and the influence which goes with it.

Meanwhile, the Cingalese have taken great interest in the experiences of their first delegation to Peking. The Chinese hosts looked after the comfort of the seven Cingalese with minute attention to detail. Least the delegation leave China without a proper idea of Chinese Communist culture, a series of seminars on economic, political, and religious was held during which Chinese scholars lectured in English with a Harvard degree. Each delegate received an ivory curl and a lacquered tray as a parting gift. The Chinese, observing that Mr. Senanayake suffered pain from a

large leg, connived with his fellow-delegates to take the measurements of his cane in order to present him with a Communist walking-stick.

Despite this care and solicitude, the Cingalese delegation, who are from a relaxed and happy people, think Communist Peking is a place to visit but once. They were not at home in "this appallingly serious, tense nation where the gift of smiling and laughing has been extinguished."

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$105,246.80. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES  
3 1/2% (1949) 20,000 @ 92 1/2  
SHIPPING  
Waterfront ... 13 1/2  
Asia ... 1.00  
DOCKS, ETC.  
K. Wharf ... 92  
N. Wharf ... 64 1/2  
Provident (Old) ... 12.00  
Provident (New) ... 6.30  
Shal Dock ... 1.10  
Wheelock ... 20 1/2  
LAND, ETC.  
H.K. Hotel ... 7.80 7.25 2200 @ 7.75  
H.K. ... 500 @ 7.75  
H.K. Land (Old) ... 55 1/2 500 @ 56.50  
H.K. Land ... 200 @ 57  
H.K. Land ... 1.25 1.30  
Humphreys ... 14  
Tram ... 23 700 @ 23  
Star Ferry ... 5.20 5.10 500 @ 5.20  
C. Light (N) ... 6 1/2  
Electric (N) ... 23.70 200 @ 23.60  
Macao ... 11.20  
Telephone ... 10 1/2  
INDUSTRIALS  
Cement ... 16.70 10.20  
Cement ... 20.90  
Straits ... 18.00 18.30 200 @ 19  
Dairy ... 24.00 22 1/2 @ 24.00  
Lane ... 33  
COTTONS  
Ewo ... 2.25 2.40 800 @ 2.30

## Japanese To Protest

Tokyo, Dec. 15. The Nippon Times said today that the Japanese Government intends to file a strong protest with the Indonesian Government against the increase of the "switch" commission rate from eight to nine per cent and above.

The local English-language daily quoted "sources close to the Government."

The Government sources, continued the Nippon Times, said that Indonesia raised the rate in connection with a recent Japanese proposal to import 200,000 tons of American coal valued at \$5,000,000 through Indonesia's account.

The increase forced the Japanese Government to decide on direct purchases of American coal on a cash payment basis. The proposed protest is to be made by the Japanese through the Overseas Agency in Djakarta.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates  
Dollars was down in the local market, exchange rates being as follows:

U.S. dollar (per 100) ... 60.70  
British pound (per 100) ... 16.80  
Indian rupee (per 100) ... 82.50  
Siam (per 100) ... 81.50  
Sri Lanka (per 100) ... 81.50  
Netherlands (per 100) ... 11.30  
—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE  
New York, Dec. 15. Dow Jones averages at the end of the stock market today stood as follows:

30 Industrials ... 100.4  
20 Railroads ... 100.4  
10 Utilities ... 99.13  
40 Bonds ... 99.13  
—United Press.

## Japanese Request To Britain

London, Dec. 15.

The correspondent of the "Financial Times" in Tokyo reports that the Japanese Government had requested the British Government to send delegates to Tokyo for trade talks.

A reply is expected from the British Government before the present trade accord between the two countries expires at the end of December, the correspondent added.

Meanwhile, four Japanese officials have applied to Pakistan for permission to open a branch of the Bank of Japan in that country. At present there is no Japanese bank in Pakistan.—France-Press.

## MISSION TO MALAYA

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

The English daily Japan News reported today that the Osaka Rubber Trade and Industry Council will send a six-man inspection party to Malaya in the middle of January to see the rubber situation there.

The party will place emphasis on its probe into the cause of inferior quality rubber the Japanese industry has received from Malaya shippers in the past.

The party will also acquaint itself with the future prospect of "technically classified rubber" and "air dried rubber."

The six members—all members of the Council which is composed of 13 firms including rubber manufacturers—include Toshio Hyakuno, rubber chief of the Fuji Shoji Co., Osaka Branch, Hachiro Iyama, chief in charge of rubber of the Ito Chu Trading Co., Mito-ichi Nakamura of the Kanematsu Trading Co., Shozo Katayama of the Marubeni Co., Sueso Matsu of the Japan Rubber Co., Osaka Branch, and Hirozo Tone of the Oriental Rubber Co.—Associated Press.

## Revision Of Wheat Agreement

Colombo, Dec. 15. The International Wheat Agreement, of which Ceylon is a participating country, is expected to come up for revision in January, when buyer and seller countries meet in Washington.

It will be the first time that these countries have met since the inauguration of the agreement, which was signed in March 1949, for a period of four years.

Under the agreement, Ceylon guaranteed to purchase 2,039,000 bushels of wheat per year at the fixed minimum price. However, with the changing situation, Ceylon now has to purchase 100,000 tons of wheat annually outside the agreement, which means paying a much higher price for it than under the agreement.

At the forthcoming meeting Ceylon will press her claim for an additional quantity of 72,000 metric tons of flour, which is equivalent to 100,000 tons of wheat.

Ceylon now purchases about 175,000 tons of wheat. The bulk of this is purchased from Australia, a seller country under the agreement. During this year, only 9,000 tons were purchased from the United States.

Over 50,000 tons of wheat have been scheduled for delivery from Australia during the three months ending January next year.—United Press.

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## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 15.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. ... 83-84 1/2  
January ... 87 1/2-88  
February ... 87 1/2-88  
March ... 87 1/2-88  
Number 2 rubber, January ... 83 1/2-84 1/2  
Number 3 rubber, January ... 83 1/2-84 1/2  
Spot rubber, unsmoked ... 87-88  
Blanket crepe ... 75-76  
No. 1 pale crepe ... 75-76  
—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET  
New York, Dec. 15. Prices of rubber futures closed 110 to 115 points lower with sales totalling 59 contracts.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### The Ups —And The Downs

**JAMES** is a tall, dark, Scot, whose adult life—he is 35 now—has been full of ups and downs as a liftman's.

Not that James has ever climbed very high. It could never, I think, be said against him that ambition was his vice. Punting and gasping and weired, he has reached as far as the first rung of that steep ladder that leads to security or success or both, and then, exhausted by the effort, he has let go with both hands, flopped down, been obliged to start all over again from ground-level.

THE other evening, a policeman on duty in Mayfair, saw James, who seemed to be involved in some furious argument outside a small restaurant. "You foreign so-and-sos," James was roaring, "let me in, will ye."

"I've told you to keep out," the manager of the restaurant said angrily.

James tried to push his way through the door, the manager barred his way. The policeman walked over to investigate.

"What the trouble?" he asked.

"I've turned him out once and he's trying to get back in," said the restaurant manager.

"Foreign so-and-sos," James cried.

THE policeman did his best to understand both sides of the argument, and at last he said to James: "Go away now, will you, and be quiet."

Twice he gave the order, and still James stood his ground and continued his abuse of the manager, the restaurant, society as a whole. He had slipped from the bottom rung again, and the whole world seemed his enemy. The policeman arrested him.

NEXT morning, at Great Marlborough Street, James pleaded guilty to using insulting words and behaviour that might have led to a breach of the peace, and the policeman briefly told Mr Paul Bennett, VC, of the incident in Mayfair.

"Is there anything known about him?" asked Mr Bennett of the goale.

"Yes, sir, there are numerous previous, mostly for drunk," the goale said. "There are also some for begging, and one for assaulting the police."

"WHAT do you want to say?" the magistrate asked James.

James smiled rather bleakly and said: "It was like this, you see, sir, I'd worked at this place for a year and five months, and I'd often been taken back."

"You mean you'd often been dismissed?"

"Well, yes, sir, but they always took me back after a wee while, it was sort of quite friendly, you know. Well, the last time, when I gave me a minute's notice, I naturally thought they'd be having me back, so when they gave me 30s, instead of £3 10s—a week's money, I didn't worry."

"Then they wouldn't have me back, and when I went for the rest of the money the door was shut on me, and..." James paused.

"PERHAPS after a year and five months they were tired of forgiving you," the magistrate suggested.

"With the door shut on me, sir, I just felt fed up and cold and... I was right on the floor again, you see, sir... I know I was wrong, but I was fed up."

Mr Bennett fined him 20s, and James left the court without indicating whether he could pay or not. He was thinking, I believe, of the ladder, and the awful climb to the first rung from the floor that he would have to begin all over again.

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## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### Unseasonable Weather Hits NSW And Victoria

FROM H. KING WOOD  
Sydney, Dec. 12.

Icy cold winds which have been sweeping two States this week have done little to add to the Christmas spirit. Six inches of snow lies on the Alps and the freezing westerlies coming off them have sent Melbourne people to their firesides and Sydney people into overcoats.

The Weather Bureau which, strange as it may seem, has been tipping accurately for sometime now, says the cold will last until Christmas and despite the fact that retailers have been complaining that shoppers have been quieter so far, the city is putting on a bright display.

Departmental stores, however, have told their Father Christmas masses to go easy on the promises when talking business with their young customers. This strict instruction followed a letter in a paper from a "Worried Mother" who complained that one Santa had promised her young son a play-ten which she could not possibly afford. Nothing she could do or say would shake his faith, she wrote. The promise had been made by Santa—and that was that.

Retail Traders' Association secretary J. B. Griffin said that even the best organised Santa occasionally gets carried away by his role but now definite orders had been issued—no more hard and fast promises.

The one bright spot... Mr Griffin added: "Rather than ruin the boy's faith in Father Christmas as a result of what could only have been a slip of the tongue, our Association will make sure that Santa lives up to his promise."

"The boy will get his play-ten."

**MIGRANTS' TROUBLES**  
Trouble with British migrants over accommodation has far from been leached out by the finding of the committee set up by the Government to probe complaints about hostels.

The committee's ruling that charges are "fair and reasonable" has, on the contrary, stirred up further trouble.

The migrants now claim that food served to them in hostels is unfit to eat, that one meal of liver was "green" and now plan to boycott all meals served by the hostels and pay only for accommodation—an arrangement not sanctioned by the committee and deemed to be unworkable.

Victorian branch of the British Migrants' Welfare Association is preparing a pamphlet about Australian hostels for distribution in Britain and from all accounts it isn't going to be a very nice one. Branch president D. Scents claimed that accommodation offered is a disgrace to any country and his Association intended to do what it could to prevent other British migrants being brought out to live in.

Irritations and worries are to be expected in a migration programme as vast as that undertaken by Australia in the last few years and allowances should be made on both sides.

The migrants should remember that it is no easy task to please all in hostel life, that however tough the going may be it is, after all, temporary; that they knew it would be hostel life before they left Britain and that the Government has shown that it is anxious to play by setting up the investigating committee, which, even the migrants themselves admitted—before the findings was impartial and competent.

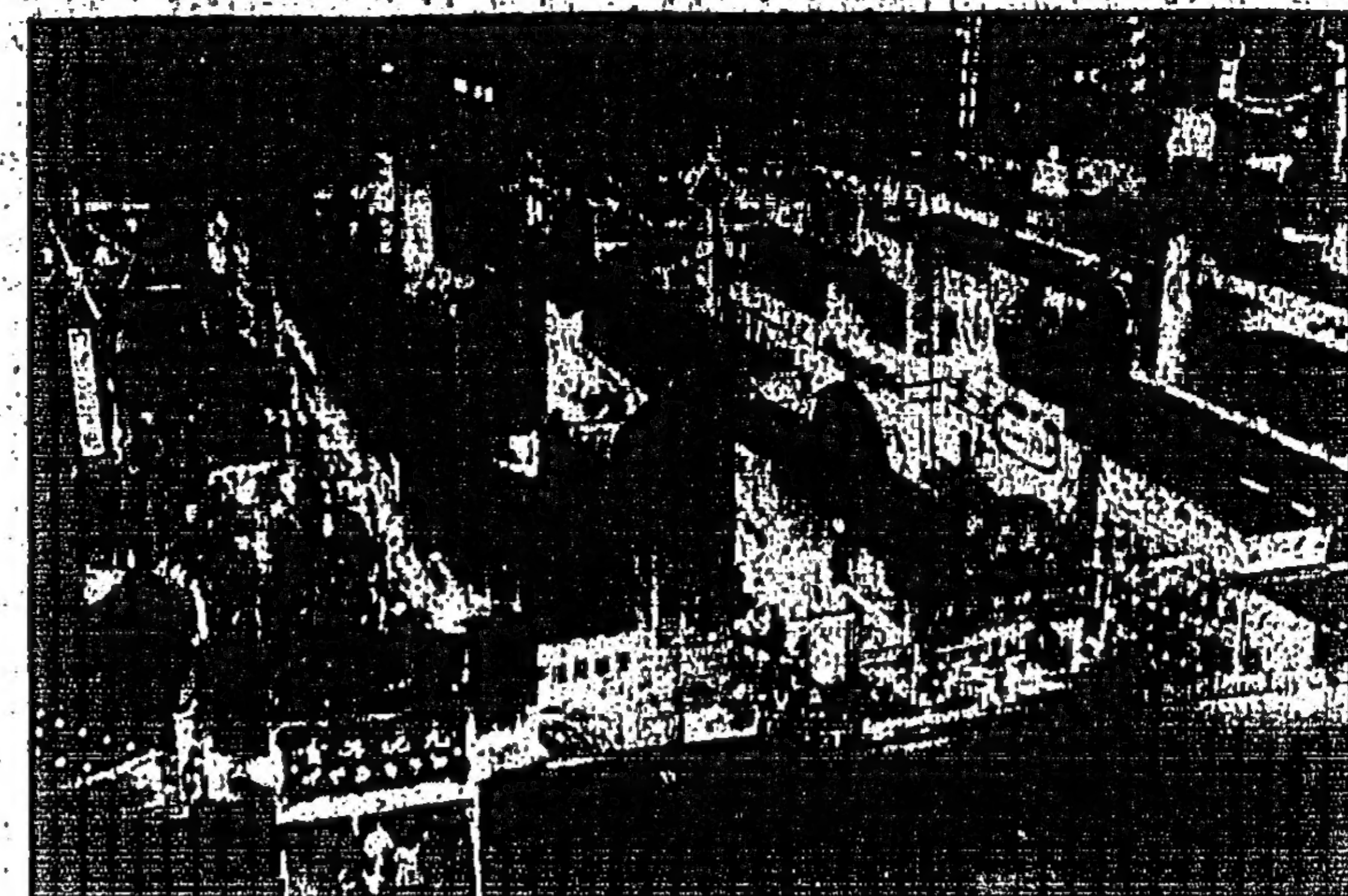
On the other hand, it is fairly obvious that all it is not as it should be in some of these camps and perhaps the Government would be well advised to have another crack at tacking down the trouble. Committees which make well-heralded inspections are unlikely to see the real danger spots.

Buzz in the radio world: Queen Elizabeth will open Australia's first TV station in Sydney during the Royal Tour in 1954, will be the first person televised to the Australian public.

**GOOD NAME SULLIED**  
Mr J. M. Tully, NSW Agent-General in London, home for a brief visit, isn't very happy about what the import cuts have done to our standing in Britain. Recent cancellation of contracts had seriously affected our good name, he declared. In the last two months the NSW Government alone had cancelled contracts worth £20-million, he added.

"Australia's good name has dropped so much that I am ashamed to go to Manchester and speak to various Chambers of Commerce and rotary clubs."

## HONGKONG PRODUCTS EXHIBITION



This striking picture of the Hongkong Products Exhibition, officially opened yesterday in Kowloon, was taken last night by a China Mail staff photographer.

### Prison For Telling Police Lies

A watchman, who invented a story about being attacked by three men while guarding a quarry at Ngau-chiwan, found himself in court this morning charged with causing a public mischief and with neglect of duty.

Lau-Piu-lam, 42-year-old watchman of the Ping Shan Quarry, reported to the Kowloon City Police Station yesterday morning that three men armed with knives had held him up in the early hours, taken him to the top of the hill and gagged him. He had been guarding a quarry at Ngau-chiwan, found himself in court this morning charged with causing a public mischief and with neglect of duty.

Mr O'Reilly, Magistrate, sentenced him to one month in prison on each charge, sentences to be consecutive.

### Trespasser Caught

A 31-year-old unemployed, Luk Kwai, was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Central this morning when he admitted the charges of trespassing in a military area and simple larceny.

According to the prosecution, Sgt. Kennedy was working at the store house of the British Military Hospital, Bowen Road, on Sunday afternoon when he heard a noise and saw defendant striking the handle of a pickaxe with a rock. Then defendant threw the handle over the fence.

Joined by Sgt. Peel, witness chased and caught defendant.

The pickaxe head worth \$10, the property of Her Majesty's War Department was ordered to be returned to the Hospital.

### Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Programme Summary: 6.30, Melody from the Stars; 6.30, Dolls from Linden and his Metropole Orchestra; 7, Time Signal, World News and News-Talk (London); 7.15, Concert by the Royal Albert Hall; 7.30, Forces Favourites (London); 7.45, Weather Report; 8, Radio News (London); 8.15, Letter from America by Alastair Cooke (London); 8.30, Studio Concert (United of the Sea and Shanties by John Small (Bartlett) with Piano Accompaniment by Mrs. G. A. Appointment with Music; 8.30, Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Fr. T. B. 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